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Delayed, incomplete NMI economic index report skews picture

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The Department of Commerce released yesterday a quarterly economic indica-

tors report that's not only over half-year late but was also lacking key government data such as business gross revenue, collection and spending.

The latest quarterly report covers July

to September 2010.

Because of lack of key government data, only two available economic indicators showed a decline: bank deposits and loans, and number of telephone lines.

This could have skewed the real picture of the economy in the third quarter of 2010 when payless paydays for non-critical government employees recurred

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No more room at the museum

» Hundreds of NMI artifacts improperly stored
» Two containers needed for 6,000 cubic feet of historical materials

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The NMI Museum, the main repository of all historical materials related to CNMI history, has ran out of storage space, which could result in potential damage or loss of important collections.

Robert Hunter, executive director of the NMI Museum of Culture and Arts, disclosed yesterday that the museum currently stores 5,000 to 6,000 cubic feet of historical materials and this grows regularly as they receive materials throughout the year.

In a visit to the facility yesterday, *Saipan Tribune* saw piles of improperly stored collections in crowded hallways, conference room, storage rooms, and almost all vacant spaces in and outside the building.

Hunter pointed out that the piles of material are what the museum considers the "least valuable" collections. "Conception materials"—those collections

that are considered the museum's most prized possessions—are kept in secured places.

Since the opening of the museum 10 years ago, the government has rented a building across the museum as a temporary storage facility. But due to budget constraints, the lease was terminated this year, Hunter said, resulting in the transfer of all materials to the museum.

"At the storage facility, all of the items were stored on shelves, separated by collection and in systematic order, so that they could be retrieved when students, researchers, historians, etc., requested use of them. Since we are just trying to fit these things into what spaces we have, in



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Piles of boxes containing historic materials and collections are seen improperly stored at the back of NMI Museum building. The museum's executive director said two 40-ft air-conditioned containers are badly needed to temporarily house all historical collections for preservation.

order not to impede on the exhibits, that order is no longer existent. And in terms of the materials stored in some of these rooms, there simply will be no room to

move, or they will be sealed until such time as we can provide proper systemized storage," he said.

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84 CNMI officials fail to file financial statement on time

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Six elected officials—including at least one lawmaker so far confirmed—are among the 84 government officials who failed to file their 2010 statement of financial interest with the Office of the Public Auditor as of the May 2

deadline.

Of the 348 individuals required to file a statement of financial interest as certified by the Department of Finance, 264 or 76 percent were able to beat the May 2 deadline.

Public Auditor Michael Pai said yesterday that 84 officials have yet to file
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Fly Guam soon to have Saipan-Japan flights

Fly Guam will further spread its wings as early as June or July with the addition of a Saipan-Japan

service.

Carlos Santos, managing partner of Micronesia Publishing Co. which is the mother company of Fly Guam, said a group will be going to Japan next week to identify the best routes for their Saipan-Japan charter flights.

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Local

Five persons fall in anti-drug raid near Dandan school

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Local authorities arrested five persons in an anti-drug operation held in Dandan Tuesday night.

Don Sanchez, William Ca-

brera Jr., Joey C. Dueñas, Dong Zheng, and Guo Hua Yang were taken to the Superior Court yesterday for their initial court appearance.

Sanchez is suspected of being an "ice" supplier while Cabrera is Sanchez's alleged drug asso-

ciate. Dueñas, Zheng, and Yang were allegedly at Sanchez's house when the raiding team conducted a search and follow-up operation.

Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo imposed a \$60,000 cash bail each on Sanchez, Ca-

brera, Zheng, and Yang. Dueñas' bail was at \$25,000 cash.

Chief Prosecutor Michael Ernest stated that Sanchez and Cabrera were the actual targets of the raiding team—composed of members of the CNMI Drug Enforcement Task Force and detec-

tives of the Department of Public Safety's Criminal Investigation Bureau—for trafficking "ice" within 1,000 feet away from Dandan Elementary School.

When the raiding team searched Sanchez's house, Dueñas was found in possession of

a syringe that contained suspected "ice."

Zheng and Yang were later arrested that same night during follow-up operations for alleged involvement in "ice" trafficking.

Detective Steven A. Castro stated in his report that a "cooperating source" had told him and detective Roque K. Camacho that Sanchez and his drug associates sell "ice" in Dandan near the 14th Station of the Cross.

Castro said that during their operation, the "cooperating source" managed to buy \$100 worth of "ice" from Sanchez and his brother-in-law Cabrera.

It was Cabrera who allegedly handed the "ice" to the "cooperating source."

Castro said that, on the following day, April 12, their "cooperating source" managed to buy \$100 worth of "ice" again from Sanchez at his residence near the 14th Station of the Cross.

Castro said that, on May 3, 2011, he and other detectives learned that Sanchez had moved to another residence in Dandan near Dandan Elementary School.

Castro said he learned that their "cooperating source" was able to buy \$40 worth of "ice" from Sanchez three days before that day.

The detectives obtained a search and arrest warrant from Govendo on Tuesday.

Pension program's unfunded liability now at \$619.7M

As of Feb. 28, 2011, the NMI Retirement Fund's accrued unfunded liability was at \$619.7 million, according to Fund comptroller David Demapan. This means that for every dollar the Fund owes its beneficiaries, only about 36 cents is funded.

If the pension program is suddenly terminated, Demapan said the Fund will not have enough money to pay for all its obligation to members.

This month's unfunded liability is a significant jump compared to that in May 2010, which was at \$520 million.

Fund officials earlier said that for the Fund to be fully funded by 2045, it needs about \$860 million in investments.

Also, as of February this year, the Fund's total net asset was at \$348.6 million and includes its international investment portfolio, valued at \$325 million as of April 8, Demapan said.

The Fund's assets are invested in stocks and money market funds, government bonds, corporate bonds, common stocks, and hedge funds. It also has local investments, including the Member Home Loan Program, the Group Health Life Insurance, the judicial building loan, and the Commonwealth Government Employee Credit Union. (Moneth G. Deposa)

6 pct. drop in April vehicle sales; CADA braces for impact of Japan disasters

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Brand new vehicle sales dropped by 6 percent in April but this did not come as a surprise to the Commonwealth Auto Dealers Association.

CADA is bracing for the impact of the March 11 Japan quake and tsunami on automotive supply and sales, which could be felt starting this month because many of the CNMI-bound supplies come from Japan.

"The April sales were pretty much on target; no real surprise there. But I think we're going to

start feeling the impact of the Japan disasters in May, June, July, and August. There are concerns on the availability of supply," CADA president Douglas Brennan said yesterday.

CADA sold 44 new cars, vans, trucks, and sport utility vehicles in April, a 6-percent decrease from the 47 sold during the same month last year.

The 44 sold in April brought to 175 the new units sold so far this year, which is a 24-percent drop from the same period last year as economic woes continue and consumers hold on to their old cars rather than buy new ones.

CADA also sold 27 second-

hand or used vehicles in April, bringing to 88 the total so far this year.

Microl Corp., the authorized dealer of Toyota and Chevrolet, sold 19 vehicles in April. This marked a 5-percent drop from last year, while its year-to-date sales is at a decline of 36 percent.

Joeten Motors sold 16 new units in April, the same number it sold in April last year. Its year-to-date sales is a 17-percent drop. Joeten Motors is the authorized distributor of Nissan, Ford, Honda, and Kia on island.

Triple "J" Motors, meanwhile, sold nine in April, an

18-percent decrease from a year ago. Between January and April, Triple "J" Motors' sales posted a 2.44-percent drop from last year. It is the local dealer of Hyundai, Mitsubishi, Isuzu, Suzuki, and Mazda.

Of the 44 new vehicles sold in April, 17 were cars, 12 were trucks, 12 were SUVs, and three were vans.

Among cars, Mazda3 sold the most in April with three units, followed by Kia Rio and Toyota Corolla with two units each. Also sold were one unit each of Ford Fiesta, Honda Civic, Honda Fit, Hyundai Genesis Cp, Kia Forte, Kia Soul, Mazda2, Nis-

san 370Z, Nissan Altima, and Nissan Maxima.

Toyota Tacoma was the most saleable truck in April with 10 units. Also sold were one unit each of Ford Sport Trac and Nissan Frontier.

As for SUVs, Toyota RAV4 was the favorite with four units sold in April, followed by Hyundai Tucson with three. Dealers also sold one unit each of Mazda CX7, Nissan Murano, Nissan Rogue, Nissan Xterra, and Toyota Highlander.

The three vans sold last month included one each of Nissan Quest, Toyota Sienna and GM Vans.

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Arts Council to waive fee for local artists in Flame Tree Arts Fest

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The Commonwealth Council for Arts and Culture will waive the

registration fee for all registered traditional local artists who will set up a booth for the 30th Annual Flame Tree Arts Festival. Arts Council executive director

Angel S. Hocog said this year's committee decided to waive the \$50 registration fee to "promote their artworks and perpetuate local cultures and traditions."

"After all, this is what Flame Tree Arts Festival is all about," added Hocog.

The 30th Annual Flame Tree Festival will be held from June 9 to 12 at the American Memorial Park, west of the Bell Tower, in Garapan. The festivities will bring together hundreds of local artists as well as local and international performers.

This year's theme, "Celebrating 30 years of Uniting Cultures and Traditions," celebrates harmony in diversity among all artists in the CNMI.

The festival committee also announced that there will be fewer booths than what was initially

made available. Parker Yobei, overall committee chair, said that available arts and crafts booths will only be 45 instead of 65.

The number of food stalls, on the other hand, is still fixed at 20.

Yobei said they met with Park Rangers Nancy Kelchner and Susan Fishman-Tudor last week to coordinate the logistics of the event.

"They want to make sure that the site for the festival is conducive for all participants, that's why it has been decided that there will only be 45 arts and crafts booths," he said.

Yobei thanked the friendly

and cooperative staff of the American Memorial Park staff "for their assistance in making the preparations for the event easy for both sides."

"With the reduction in the number of booths, the committee urges all artists to register early as slots are available on a first-come, first-served basis," he added.

All artists, performing groups, and commercial vendors may register at the Arts Council office on Capital Hill next to the post office, from 8:30am to 4:30pm.

For more information, call 322-9982 or 83 or email at ftat30@yahoo.com.

Applications now open for WIA's 2011 summer youth jobs program

The Workforce Investment Agency announced yesterday the opening of its 2011 Summer Youth Employment and Training Program.

Applications will be made available at www.wia.gov.mp, Marianas High School, Kagman High School, Chacha Junior High School, Saipan Southern High School, Hopwood Junior High School, and all WIA offices on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

Besides other required documentations and for WIA registration purposes, this year's summer program will require student applicants to submit their Star Reading or Star Math results that will be captured on WIA's client tracking system. Basic skills deficiency is listed as one of WIA's statutory and recognized barriers and serves as good information for purposes of planning and designing workforce training initiatives with state and regional workforce partners in education, employment, and economic development (Power of E3).

Summer employment qualifications are not based on the

application submission date but on priority index ranking, PIR. The higher the PIR, the more qualified the individual will be under WIA's program rules and regulations.

Parents and applicants are encouraged to gather all the required documents, answer the applications clearly and legibly, as well as affix all signatures on the applications as required.

In addition, due to limited funding and in the interest of accommodating others that may be wait-listed, WIA reserves the right to replace trainees slots as soon as they become available for any reason and will not allow interchanging of phase schedules for trainees that can't hold their initial placement schedule.

This year's summer youth program will most likely fund for all three islands a total of

about 300 positions.

Summer employment is tentatively being planned for the first phase, July 11, 2011 to Aug. 5, 2011 (Saipan, Tinian and Rota), and second phase, Aug. 8, 2011 to Sept. 2, 2011 (Saipan only). This schedule provides summer participants in each phase the opportunity to work a total of four weeks at \$5.05 per hour.

Work readiness mandatory workshops will be scheduled for Saipan (July 5-7, 2011), Rota, and Tinian (July 8, 2011). Summer applications deadline is June 30, 2011. Incomplete applications will not be accepted. (Office of the Governor)

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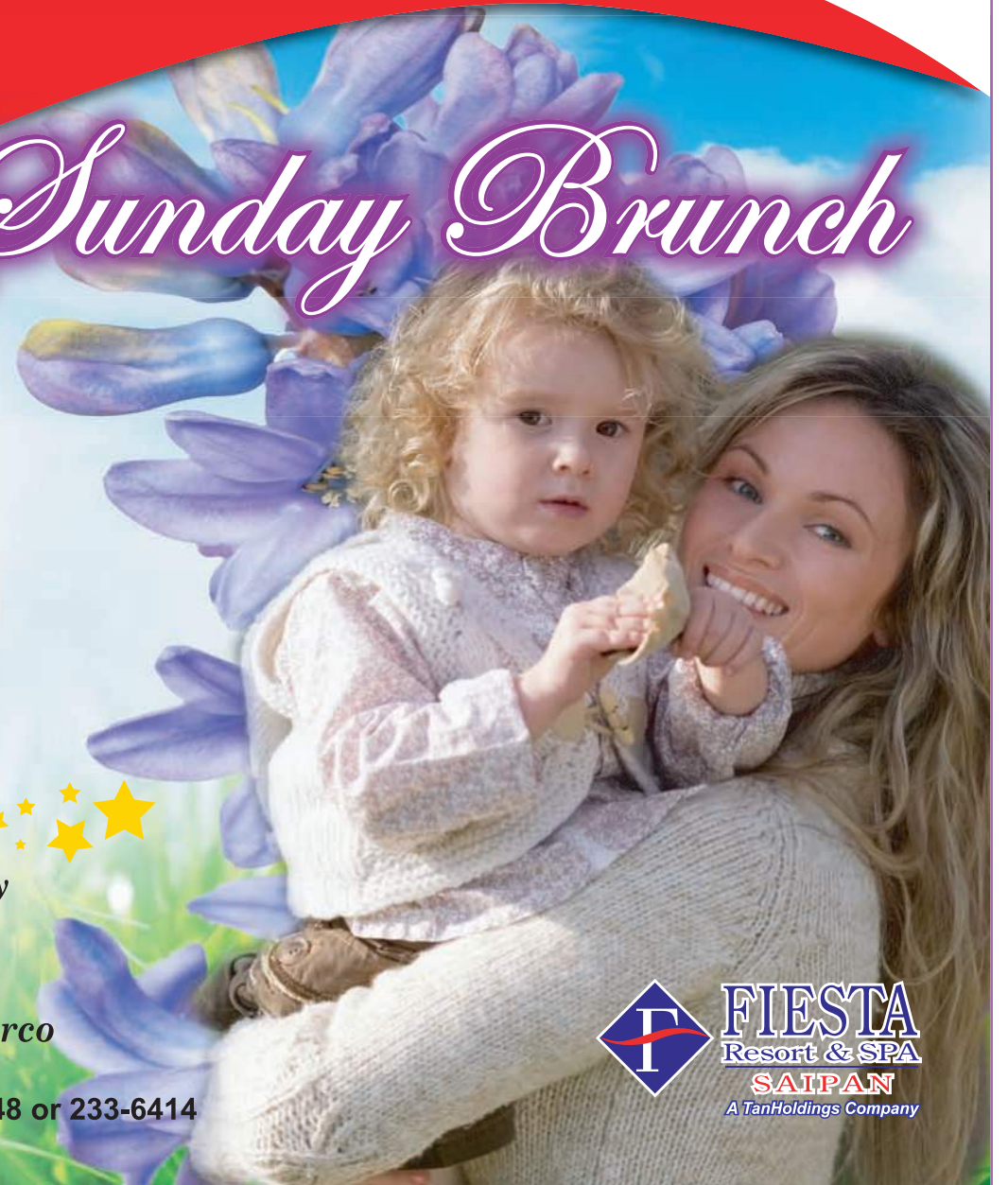
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Man not guilty of child abuse; guilty of beating up wife

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A Superior Court jury came back yesterday with a not-guilty verdict against a man charged with three counts of child abuse, but associate judge David Wiseman found him guilty of beating up his wife.

After deliberating for less than two hours, the six jurors found John Mendiola Camacho not guilty of three counts of child abuse.

Wiseman, who was tasked to decide on the remaining charges, found the 41-year-old Camacho guilty of assault and battery.

Wiseman said the testimony of Camacho's wife that he beat her up on Nov. 28, 2010, at their residence, was corroborated by one of their children.

The judge, however, placed under advisement four counts of disturbing the peace charges. He said he had hard time in coming up with a ruling.

Wiseman directed the prosecution and defense counsel to submit a brief regarding the disturbing the peace issue.

Sentencing will be on May 25, 2011 at 9am. At 1:30pm on that same day, Camacho will be required to appear for his bench trial in two domestic violence cases involving the same victim

that happened in 2007.

Joaquin Torres, counsel for Camacho, told reporters after the hearing that they are very happy that the jury agreed with them.

"Mr. Camacho did not commit child abuse," Torres stressed.

He said he will discuss with his client whether to appeal or not the judge's decision on the wife beating charge.

Assistant attorney general Russell Lorfing told *Saipan Tribune* that they are "very disappointed" with the jury's verdict. Lorfing said they had the testimony that Camacho had threatened to kill the children by hanging them.

"There is a perception that child

abuse is only physical. Child abuse can also be emotions. The position of the government is that calling a child stupid, beating the mother in front of her kids, that's child abuse," Lorfing said.

Although there's no physical act, he said the law states that child abuse is committed when there is emotional harm to the children such as suggesting killing them.

In his closing arguments, Lorfing quoted the testimony of one of three children, stating that Camacho told him: "Come and watch, I'll beat your mom!"

"That is sick. That is beyond reason-

ableness," the prosecutor said.

Lorfing told jurors to decide whether threatening to hang a child and smoking marijuana in front of children is discipline or abuse.

In his closing argument, Torres said that even the lead investigator in the case had admitted to not being sure whether child abuse was committed.

Torres said there is no testimony that any of the three children—ages 8, 6, and 3—were mentally distressed as a result of their parents fighting.

Torres said a picture presented in court shows that the wife had no injuries even after claiming that Camacho had punched her in the face.

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Housing the collections inside the museum is not an option because this will leave it with very limited space for its gallery.

Hunter said they need to build a temporary storage facility that will keep all collections intact. However, funds have always been the problem.

"We need to have at least two 40-foot air-conditioned containers for now until we build the permanent storage facility," he added.

Hunter hopes that Gov. Benigno R. Fitial will soon approve a bill that appropriates \$19,124 for the preservation of artifacts and operation of the museum.

He said the amount will be used to procure two containers worth between \$6,000 and \$7,000; air-conditioning for containers, \$800; three permanent museum signs, \$5,000; a riding mower, \$3,500; water blaster, \$1,200; supplies, \$250; brochure printing, \$400; and drainage repair

and flood mitigation, \$300.

The museum is the legal recipient of all historical artifacts in the CNMI.

Budget cuts

From the previous years' budget of about \$400,000 for museum operations, Hunter said the amount was trimmed to only \$110,000 this fiscal year, resulting in fewer manpower and supplies and zero promotional campaigns.

From 11 authorized positions, the museum now only has three employees, including Hunter's position and a part-time museum curator. The bulk of operational expenses go to utilities, which average about \$4,000 monthly.

To save on electricity, Hunter said only one of the four regular lights is used in the museum gallery each day. This redirects utility use to particular collections and artifacts that need to be climate controlled.

Hunter said the budget cut hinders the museum's ability to carry out its function because it lacks the funds for promotions and advertising such as printing for brochures, tickets, and me-

dia advertisements.

"There's a big impact because we cannot market ourselves. Because we cannot also employ full-time curators, we're almost ineligible for museum grants, which require such," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

Despite their limited resources, however, Hunter said the museum's doors are always open to accommodate resident and visitors alike.

The museum charges an entry fee of \$2 per person for tourist and \$1 for residents.

\$1.2M grant

He disclosed that the U.S. Defense Department recently approved a \$1.2 million grant to help the museum build a permanent storage facility. However, they expect to get the money in 2013.

The grant is to ensure that the museum's collection of historic materials is properly kept and taken care of. *Saipan Tribune* learned that some of the museum's collections are under a consent decree, which details how the materials should be kept and stored.

Commerce stopped reporting about CNMI exports starting in the second quarter of 2009 when the last few of the remaining garment factories folded up as a result of the lifting of world trade quotas.

The value of building construction projects climbed to \$7.62 million for 44 building permits in the third quarter of 2010, from only \$2.5 million for 33 permits a year ago.

Richard Pierce, executive director of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce, said last night that businesses and government agencies used to rely on the quarterly economic indicators reports for a host of reasons but this has changed because of the delays and incomplete data.

Even labor statistics are no longer included in the quarterly economic indicators report.

"It's a far cry from what it used to be," Pierce added.

He said the Chamber does not see anything on the horizon that's going to change the current trend. Pierce said the cost of doing business continues to go up.

The CNMI's state of fiscal affairs has a dangerously low overall score of 1.84 on a scale of 1 to 10 with 10 as the most favorable, according to the latest Performer analysis released this year and funded by the U.S. Department of the Interior.

An economic analysis that First Hawaiian Bank released in September 2010 also said that prospects for the CNMI through 2014 appear to lack promise.

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their statements of financial interest.

"Six elected officials failed to file by May 2nd," Pai told *Saipan Tribune*.

While OPA did not identify the six elected officials, many of the lawmakers asked yesterday said they have already filed their statement of financial interest in April. Some lawmakers and mayors did not respond to questions about their filing.

At least one lawmaker—House minority leader Diego Benavente (R-Saipan)—confirmed yesterday that he filed his statement of financial interest on May 3, which is a day after the May 2 deadline. But he won't be subjected to a \$10 fine per day of late filing.

Press secretary Angel Demapan also said yesterday that Gov. Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos have already filed theirs.

Of the 84 individuals who were not able to file by Monday, 69 are from Saipan, 11 are from Tinian, and four are from Rota.

Pai said this is the first filing year

that OPA received more than half of the statements on or before the deadline compared to previous years.

The public auditor also said certified individuals have until May 21 to request for a 30-day extension. But he said OPA has not received any such request thus far.

"OPA urges all individuals required to file a statement to do so as soon as possible. A penalty of \$10 per day will be charged to late/non-filers beginning June 1, 2011," he said.

Under 1 CMC Section 8511 of the Government Ethics Code Act, all elected and appointed Commonwealth officials, judicial officers, and executive department heads or directors are required to file a Statement of Financial Interest.

The statement includes government officials' income, and financial interests in real estate, among other things.

Unlike many other jurisdictions, CNMI law does not make public financial statements. The assets and liabilities of elected officials are not readily available for public inspection. OPA can only release the documents with consent from the filer.

FLY GUAM

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"We'll probably be flying to Japan in June or July," Santos said.

This coincides with the arrival of a second plane in the next few weeks.

"We don't know what city [in Japan] we're going to fly. The only thing we are certain is that we should fly to Japan directly from Saipan...because we know it's very important for the local economy," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

Santos was a guest speaker at the Saipan Chamber of Commerce's general membership meeting at the Hyatt Regency Saipan yesterday.

Representatives from Cape Air and Freedom Air didn't make it to the Chamber meeting yesterday because of emergency meetings, among other things. The Chamber invited airlines providing service to local routes but only Fly Guam showed up.

Disappointed Chamber members said they were looking forward to hearing from Cape Air and Freedom Air.

Douglas Brennan, Chamber president, however, said representatives from these two airlines will be meeting with Chamber officers toward the end of this month.

"We would have asked them what could be done to have reliable and affordable interisland passenger transportation and cargo transportation," Brennan said.

Fly Guam, the latest airline to provide air services to the CNMI and Guam, aims to promote Guam and Saipan as tourist destinations for travelers from Hong Kong, mainland China, Taiwan, Japan, the Philippines, and Korea.

Santos said a Saipan-Manila service may have to wait longer, adding that the airline has more than 35 destinations it needs to analyze for service. He said Fly Guam is not currently looking at cargo service, as well as passenger service between Saipan, Rota, and Tinian.

Fly Guam has started talking with the Marianas Visitors Authority and the local government to try to launch the Fly Marianas brand.

Fly Guam currently flies one airplane, a 737-400, with a seating capacity of 144 passengers. But it will shortly have a second plane, a 737-500, and a third plane, another 737-400.

During the Chamber meeting, Santos introduced Fly Guam and its own in-flight monthly magazine, *Hafa Adai*, which will feature Saipan and the CNMI in its next issue.

Fly Guam flies from Saipan to Hong Kong on Mondays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, with a departure time at 3:25pm.

Santos said they try to ensure that their flights are during convenient times.

Flights from Hong Kong to Saipan depart at 9:55am and arrive at 5pm on Tuesdays, Fridays, and Sundays.

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due to weak collections.

Other available indicators showed growth, including tourist arrivals, average hotel occupancy rate, average hotel daily rate, remittances, vehicle sales, imports, value and number of building constructions.

The last time Commerce issued a quarterly consumer price index report that showed changes in the prices of basic commodities by group including food and utilities was in December 2009, covering the period from October to December 2009.

Acting Commerce secretary Ivan Blanco and press secretary Angel Demapan separately said yesterday that the Department of Finance's data system encountered problems, resulting in non-submission of key economic data.

Besides, Commerce itself had to deal with staff shortage.

Blanco said the fourth quarter 2010 economic indicators report could be released shortly, also lacking government data and possibly data from the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands as well.

Demapan said Finance is currently addressing the problem with its data system.

"I have yet to receive notification as to when it will be up and running again," he said.

Bank deposits totaled only \$452.7

million in July to September 2010, a drop from a year-ago level of \$461.12 million. Bank loans also dropped to \$122.15 million, from \$129.06 million, based on data provided by banks to Commerce.

The number of telephone lines slightly dropped from 29,536 to 29,487, based on data that IT&E provided to Commerce for July to September.

While economic reports have been forecasting a bleak immediate future for the CNMI, many of the available economic indicators show growth.

Visitor arrivals, for example, reached 103,128 in July to September 2010. This was a 4-percent increase from the prior year's 99,128, based on data the Marianas Visitors Authority provided Commerce.

Average hotel occupancy was 63.5 percent in the third quarter of 2010, a slight improvement from 61.4 percent a year ago.

Average daily hotel rate went up to \$98.83, versus a year-ago's \$96.56, data from HANMI shows.

Remittances also increased from \$15.9 million to \$17.4 million, while vehicle sales showed only a one-unit difference or from 235 to 236.

Tonnage of imports or goods coming into the CNMI went up to 85,680 tons from 74,180 tons. These include petroleum, oil, lubricants, cement, garment, food items, construction materials and beverages, based on Commerce-provided data from the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

Signature campaign against ETC bill initiated

» **Coalition of private schools warns of tuition hikes if bill is enacted**

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REPORTER

A signature campaign against the suspension of the education tax credit program initiated since Friday has yielded nearly 150 signatures, majority of them parents and teachers of Sr. Remedios Early Childhood Development Center.

Scott Norman, president of the Coalition of CNMI Private Schools, said yesterday that the signature drive is just the start of efforts that private schools are planning to convince Gov. Benigno R. Fitial to veto the measure.

Senate Bill 17-68, which is awaiting the governor's approval, proposes to suspend the education tax credit donations for schools to generate some savings for the cash-strapped government.

If the measure is passed into law, Norman said that private school will have no option but to raise tuition and other fees to sustain their operation.

He described the legislation as a "bad bill," "very incoherent," and would only result in further difficulties for the government.

The coalition has 17 member institutions with an estimated student population of between 2,500 and 3,000 this school year. The group, in its meeting Friday, voted to formally oppose the proposed measure and encourage all member schools to initiate their own campaign against it.

Norman said a comprehensive financial analysis is also being prepared for presentation to the governor.

"We are extremely against the bill because it will not help the

government at all," said Norman, adding that biggest impact will be seen in public schools because of the expected influx of students from private institutions.

Sr. Remedios School principal Sr. Martha Ramarui showed *Saipan Tribune* yesterday the signatures that they have gathered from their students' parents and teachers. She said nearly 150 signatures will be submitted to the governor to support their opposition to the measure.

Saipan Tribune learned that ETC donations represent 13 percent of Sr. Remedios' total revenue each year. In school year 2008-2009, the school received \$32,937 in ETC donations, which it used to buy supplies and materials. In 2009-2010, total donations declined to \$25,653. With a few more months to the end of the current school year, the school has so far collected \$24,617 in ETC donations.

In previous years, Ramarui said, the school's ETC donations reached as high as \$48,000.

"If the ETC will be suspended or stopped, it's like cutting our other arm. With the end of Title V funds this school year, this will worsen the situation and we will end up raising our tuition. We cannot operate without them," she said, adding that the school has not increased its tuition in the last five years.

"If these helps are taken away, we have to possibly look at raising our fees and as a result, parents may take their children to public schools which are overcrowded," she added.

Ramarui said that private schools were offended by the reason cited by some lawmakers in approving the bill last week.

"Private schools are no less part of the government than the public schools are. The parents of every private school student pay taxes diligently, but still choose to place their child in a private school such as ours. By doing so, they are in fact assisting PSS which is already at its capacity," added the principal.

Sr. Remedios Early Childhood Development Center principal Sr. Martha Ramarui checks the signatures in the petition to be submitted to the governor yesterday. The school, along with other private schools, expressed its strong opposition to the measure that proposes to suspend the educational tax credit donations to private schools.

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Life in Motion

15 positions are confirmed for *Man'amko* Takeover Day

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REPORTER

Some 65 letters were mailed out to various government agencies and private companies requesting to accommodate the island's senior citizens for the *Man'amko* Takeover Day on May 10.

"We sent out all those letters because we're not expecting everyone to say yes. About 20 to 30 positions should be fine," Aging Office program coordinator Walter Manglona told *Saipan Tribune*.

So far, Manglona said they have 15 confirmed positions for the *man'amko* who will take part in the event.

Some of these positions are with the Department of Land

and Natural Resources, Department of Public Health, Coastal Resources Management, and the Marianas Visitors Authority.

Manglona said that they will raffle off the positions since they do not have enough number of posts to accommodate all the *man'amko* at the Aging Center.

Pickup time for the participating *man'amko*, Manglona said, is between 9am to 9:30pm at the Aging Center.

Manglona said the businesses and government agencies will be responsible for the lunch of the *man'amko* working at their organization that day, after which they can drop them off at the center between 1:45pm to 2pm.

"Our congregates are very excited about this event, especially our new clients who are starting to learn about our activities and other new stuff at the Aging Center," he said.

According to Manglona, they did not have the Takeover Day last year "because we did not have a committee that will work on the logistics of this activity."

Manglona noted that he and Aging Office director Rose Mondala, with the assistance of the Saipan Seniors Advisory Council, made sure that they will have the activity this year.

Those who want to participate in the *Man'amko* Takeover Day may call the Aging Center at 233-1320 or 1321.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Eucon International College president Dr. Christian Wei, center, shows off the memorandum of agreement he signed with officials of the Baekseok Culture University yesterday. With him are representatives of the Korea-based university.

Eucon inks partnership with Baekseok Culture University

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REPORTER

A partnership between Eucon International College and Korea-based Baekseok Culture University was inked yesterday for an exchange program that will facilitate the entry of university students in Eucon's English as a Second Language program.

Eucon president Dr. Christian Wei sealed the memorandum of agreement with university officials Dr. Sang Cheol Choi, associate professor, and Jeong Yoong Cho, vice dean of academic affairs at Baekseok Culture University.

The MOU indicated that the university will send students to Eucon to be trained in ESL.

"Baekseok sent a group of students to study in our school last winter and they were very satisfied with our ESL program and decided to enter into an MOU with our college," said Dr. Wei yesterday.

According to Baekseok Culture University president Youngmin Ko, the university has been selected as a superior university in 24 areas, including Foreign Language Education by the Ministry of Education and Human Resources Development, a beneficiary college for 2003 Curricula Reorganization of IT-related and Departments by the Korea IT Industry Promotion Agency. It was also named Support for Special Cultural Content Development by the Korea Culture and Content Agency for two years in a row.

Eucon International College offers an intensive ESL course for foreign students before they enter college. The Eucon International School, meantime, offers a short-term ESL program for younger students during the summer and winter breaks.

The partnership was made possible through the help of Julianna H. Kim, general manager of Happy Islands Tour, on Saipan.

CRIME OF THE WEEK

Barracks burglary

Crime Stoppers is seeking the community's help for information on a burglary and theft incident that occurred at a barracks behind Naked Fish, Garapan.

On Monday, April, 29, 2011, around 9pm, the victim, a 41-year-old female, returned home to her barracks to discover her residence had been broken into and items stolen. The victim left for work around 4pm. When she returned home, she discovered the crime.

The point of entry to the crime scene was through a hole housing the air conditioning unit, which was pushed in and lying on the floor. A ceramic piggy bank was smashed and money stolen. The room was in disarray. The items stolen include a Hewlett-Packard Pavilion 14" laptop worth about \$950. Over a \$1,000 in cash was taken.

The suspect(s) also may be in-

involved in breaking into two cars parked outside the barracks. A Silver 1990 Toyota sedan had its battery wire stolen. The victim, a 32-year-old female discovered the crime when she attempted to start her car.

The second car, a 1998 Silver Hyundai sedan, also had damage to the window seal. It is believed that the suspect(s) attempted to break into the car. The victim, a 32-year-old female, discovered the damage. All three victims of the car and residential burglary are co-workers.

DPS and Crime Stoppers are seeking help from the public. Contact the Crime Stoppers hotline at 234-7272 or visit the website www.nmicrimestoppers.com. Crime stoppers pays up to \$1,000 for any information leading to an arrest. (Crime Stoppers)

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Joeten donates \$3,000 to march vs cancer fundraiser



CLARISSA V. DAVID

Joeten Charitable Foundation president Frances T. Demapan, third from right, donates \$3,000 to 2011 Marianas March Against Cancer Committee members led by chair Dave B. Guerrero in a ceremony at the foundation's office Wednesday.

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REPORTER

Joeten Charitable Foundation president Frances T. Demapan praised the Marianas March Against Cancer Committee and the Commonwealth Cancer Association yesterday for their efforts in the fight against cancer in the CNMI, matching her words with a \$3,000 donation to the association.

"On behalf of the Joeten Charitable Foundation, we thank you for volunteering your time. What you do is really making an impact in the community," Demapan told MMAC committee members and CCA

representatives during the check presentation at the foundation's office yesterday morning.

The Joeten Charitable Foundation donated \$3,000 for CCA's biggest annual signature fundraising activity, slated for May 13 to 14 at Hopwood Junior High School.

The foundation joins the roster of groups and establishments that are considered as title sponsors, the most prestigious level of sponsorship for the event that gives opportunity to celebrate cancer survivors, remember those who have lost the fight, and raise money and awareness for all those affected by the disease.

Demapan said the Joeten Charitable Foundation has always supported the annual event since its inception.

"We believe in research but it's also important that there's local support in fighting cancer within the community," she said.

Demapan stressed the importance of having data to substantiate the group's efforts on cancer research and helping cancer patients.

She encouraged MMAC and CCA to partner with the Department of Public Health and encourage and recruit more youth volunteers to take part in their events and activities.

"It's always good to promote service to a diverse group," she added.

2011 MMAC chair Dave B. Guerrero expressed his appreciation to the foundation for renewing its support for the event.

"We're very pleased to have Joeten Charitable Foundation jump on board. They have been doing this for nine years straight. We appreciate it, the

community appreciates it," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

For this year, Guerrero said they were able to get nine title sponsors and seven major sponsors. He said the committee is working on getting next week-end's program together as well as selling more luminaries.

"Last year, we sold close to 2,300 luminaries and we want to exceed that so we'll be sell-

ing luminaries until the event itself," said Guerrero.

Those who want to buy luminaries may approach any of the 10 teams who will be participating in the event or the CCA.

The committee is still looking for more performers who will provide entertainment at the event. For information, call CCA at 682-0050 or visit www.ccamarianas.org.

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

Happy 5th birthday to Alamiang Igisaia Rasiang! Best wishes and may you have many more to come! We love you so much! Greetings come from your loving family! CONTRIBUTED PHOTO



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Couple sue Rota mayor, others for alleged destruction of crops, plants

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A couple are suing Rota Mayor Melchor A. Mendiola and several other government employees for allegedly invading and destroying their crops and plants at the Sabana Protected Areas.

"The mayor of Rota is temporarily out of control!" according to attorney Ramon K. Quichocho, counsel for plaintiffs Nurul Islam Paeda and his wife, Elizabeth Atalig Paeda.

The Paeda couple filed the lawsuit Tuesday in the U.S. District Court for the NMI against Mayor Mendiola, David M. Calvo, Brian M. Mendiola, Harry M. Mendiola, Francisco L. Mesngon, Michael B. Manglona, Benedicto M. San Nicolas,

and 10 unnamed co-defendants.

The couple sued the defendants for conspiracy to deprive them of property, deprivation of property, and intentional infliction of emotional distress.

Saipan Tribune tried but failed to obtain comments from Mayor Mendiola.

The Paedas asked the court to issue a mandatory injunction to order the defendants to immediately cease and desist from harassing or bothering them, or stealing or destroying their property.

The plaintiffs demanded unspecified damages, attorney's fees, and court costs.

Quichocho stated in the complaint that Mr. Paeda, a Bangladeshi, came to the CNMI in 1989 and married Elizabeth Atalig in 1990. The couple have

two children who are attending school in the U.S.

Quichocho said that in 1991, Mr. Paeda started farming at the Sabana Protected Areas.

Sabana is a protected area for plants and wildlife on Rota. At the same time, the area is designated for farming activities, which is overseen by the Department of Lands and Natural Resources.

Quichocho said Mr. Paeda has been farming for about 20 years at Sabana, and no Rota mayor in the past "has done such a terrible and callous misdeed against Mr. Paeda and his spouse and children."

Quichocho said that, sometime in 2010, Mayor Mendiola and a certain number of defendants ordered that the soil cultivation and water supply pro-

vided by the government to the farmers be stopped in certain areas of Mr. Paeda's Sabana farm.

As a result, Mr. Paeda was forced to downsize his farm operation.

As if that was not enough punishment to the Paeda family, Quichocho said, Mayor Mendiola and the other defendants conspired to completely shut down the couple's Sabana farm.

Quichocho said that, on Jan 21, 2011, the defendants bulldozed the plaintiffs' crops and opened at least four undesignated right of ways through the couple's farm areas.

"After the invasion and destruction, defendants even harvested some of the plaintiffs' plants and crops," the lawyer alleged.

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

May 5, 1999

Kiyu rallies support for CIP projects

Senate Vice President Thomas P. Villagomez yesterday assured support by the upper house on a bill appropriating more than \$24 million in Capital Improvement Project funds, saying they stand ready to cooperate with the administration plan. "This is not the time for petty politics," he said in an interview as the senator urged his colleagues to vote on the measure in a bid to push massive infrastructure construction in the Commonwealth. Setting aside some \$24.2 million in both federal and local money, House Bill 11-408 was passed by the lower house last week and is currently awaiting action by the Senate.

NMC lab school to adopt multi-grade approach

Scheduled to include grade five this coming school year with limited resources, the Northern Marianas College Lab School will adopt the multi-age and multi-grade approach in the classroom. In a proposal presented to the Board of Regents last week, acting principal Chas Algaier explained the approach will enable the College Lab School to add grade five next year while maintaining the same number of teachers. "While we can expand into fifth grade, we do not have the funds available to hire an additional CLS teacher. Yet the Teacher Preparation Program needs to continue incorporating higher grades into its model lab school," he said.

May 5, 2000

AGO asked to probe MTC

The chair of the House Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation and Communications yesterday urged MTC to suspend imposition of toll fees for 411 calls while he seeks an investigation from the Attorney General's Office. Rep. Rosiky F. Camacho made the plea during a meeting with company executives, led by General Manager David Rogers, who explained to House members their decision to charge a 25 cent fee for each call using its directory assistance service. MTC, the lone domestic phone service provider in the Commonwealth, maintained the fee is necessary to discourage the people in calling 411 to ask for phone numbers as the company has incurred huge costs in terms of paying overtime to operators for the 24-hour service.

Pending loan applications swamp CDA

The Commonwealth Development Authority is currently swamped with issues that need to be addressed but could not be acted upon due to the suspension of its scheduled Board of Directors meeting yesterday for lack of quorum. CDA Board Chair John S. Tenorio said they had to postpone the regular monthly meeting, scheduled for yesterday, because the board member from Rota could not make it to Saipan. The government's prime lending arm has likewise suspended the regular board meeting for its Corporate Development Division Wednesday also due to lack of quorum. The CDA Board meeting has been tentatively scheduled two weeks from now.

May 5, 2003

New village homestead subdivisions near completion

More than 200 village homestead lots will soon be made available to eligible applicants as the Marianas Public Lands Authority prepares for the final stages of the homestead subdivision design and development projects in Dandan and Kagman on Saipan, and Dugi on Rota. The final phases consist of road construction, the excavation of ponding basins-if any-and the installation of power, water, or sewer services. After undergoing a series of technical studies, which involved months of planning, extensive surveys, and getting permits from several government regulatory agencies, these homestead projects have reached the infrastructure stage, said MPLA Commissioner Henry S. Hofschneider.

Guam, NMI leaders in historic reconciliation

Top CNMI and Guam government leaders, led by Guam Gov. Felix Camacho and CNMI Lt. Gov. Diego T. Benavente led the people of the two islands Friday night in a historic gesture of reconciliation and unity in celebration of this year's National Day of Prayer. Camacho, on behalf of all Guam people, asked for the CNMI's forgiveness for Guam's mistakes in the past such as "arrogance and insensitivity." Camacho said the act of apology and forgiveness is the first step to move forward. "The only way, I feel, that we can move forward and come together as brothers and sisters in the Marianas is to do the first act of apology and the act of reconciliation. And so, Lt. Governor and Acting Governor, on behalf of the people of Guam, I apologize for the people of Guam," he said.



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"My Marianas" Community Outreach Presentation

Get up-to-date on the latest industry trends and upcoming tourism events during this picturesque slideshow on Saturday evenings at the Taste of the Marianas. Tourism Month informational packages will also be available on-site.

On-the-Street Interviews

MVA turns the spotlight on you as random community members are given an opportunity to share their views on various tourism topics in the Tourism Tuesday feature of the Saipan Tribune.

Radio Tourism Trivia

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More projects eyed for \$3M poker fees

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Saipan lawmakers want more projects and programs to be funded by over \$3 million in projected revenue from poker license fees in fiscal year 2011.

From the initial proposal of projects totaling \$3.26 million, the proposed expenditures have so far increased to \$3.394 million based on the latest committee recommendation.

But three new proposed amendments to a pending local bill on how to distribute poker revenue will further increase the spending to \$3.444 million, if they are approved.

The Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation has yet to pass Rep. Ray Yumul's (R-Saipan) House Local Bill 17-33.

Yumul, who is also the delegation's Ways and Means Committee chairman, said there might be additional floor amendments in the next delegation session.

Last week, the committee submitted its report on the bill appropriating \$3.394 million for different programs and projects, including \$3 million to the Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance.

The remaining \$394,000 is divided among 16 other programs and projects.

But as of last week, three

more amendments were proposed but have not been adopted, including one from Rep. Raymond Palacios (Cov-Saipan) providing \$50,000 for the Northern Marianas Trade Institute for personnel and purchase of textbooks.

Rep. Frederick Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan), meanwhile, proposes to delete an earlier proposed \$10,000 for the Saipan Fishing Derby and instead give this amount also to NMTI.

Rep. Joseph Palacios (R-Saipan) also proposes to remove the \$10,000 earlier proposed funding for the Saipan and Northern Islands Soil and Water Conservation District, and give the \$10,000 instead to the CNMI Boy Scouts Program.

In the previous fiscal year, 608 poker machines were licensed totaling \$3.648 million in fees.

For fiscal year 2011, 389 machines have been licensed as of March 31 with total fees of \$2.334 million paid to the Treasury.

For the remainder of the year, 196 machines are expected to be registered, totaling 585.

If all these machines are registered, the fees that will be collected will total \$3.51 million.

Yumul said if it were up to him, the delegation should not try to appropriate the total amount of \$3.51 million because not all poker machines may actually be registered this year.

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America needed this moment of triumph

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We needed this. A people clawing our way out of recession and riven by partisanship and ideological angst desperately needed something to pull us together—to remind us of our common purpose and our fundamental strength as a nation.

It is a lot to read into the death of one man. But Osama bin Laden was larger than life—and a U.S. target—long before he accomplished the Sept. 11 atrocities.

For the near-decade that has passed since, the knowledge that bin Laden was free has been an open wound, particularly for those closest to the victims. Young Americans in the military have died in Afghanistan, a war born of the sole intent to find this man and cripple his organization, al-Qaida. The terrorist threat was used by the Bush administration to justify another war in Iraq, claiming more lives. In both countries, the fighting and dying go on still.

And through all of this, bin Laden went free—or what passes for freedom when you are the most hunted man on earth.

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So much has changed in America since the towers fell. This is the time to examine those changes—to consider the impact of two wars, only one of them justified, and to assess the national security policies that have vastly changed the way we go about our daily lives. And it's time to assess the effects of nearly a decade of war on the generation that came of age in the shadow of Sept. 11, shaped by the images and emotions of that day.

This experience is ingrained in the psyche of young America.

Of course, the war against al-Qaida and Islamic extremism goes on. America is still in the terrorists' cross hairs. But bin Laden's death reshapes the debate over our role in Afghanistan, with troops scheduled to begin withdrawing this summer, and over the threat posed by Pakistan. It's hard to imagine its leaders didn't know bin Laden was in their midst, virtually in the shadow of the Pakistani capital, before U.S. intelligence—clearly sharpened under the leadership of CIA Director Leon Panetta—found him.

It's significant that President Barack Obama sought no international support for going after bin Laden, even though many other nations consider him a threat. Obama has been skewered for seeking international cooperation on military ventures, most recently for the operation in Libya. But with this bold mission, the president proved that nuance is not the same thing as weakness. The United States will act on its own when the goal and the time are right.

Euphoria and praise for the president welled up overnight, but it didn't take long for Obama's most extreme critics to resume skewering him. (Rush Limbaugh mercilessly mocked the president on his show Monday. What a patriot.) For people of reason from both political parties, however, this is a proud moment in which to give credit where credit's due, from the commander in chief to the Navy SEALs on the ground.

Justice has been done.



Bin Laden: The day of reckoning

In evaluating Osama bin Laden's dubious legacy, it is important to note that there was nothing new about religiously inspired terrorism when this rich Saudi exile convened a small group of jihadists in his Peshawar, Pakistan, home in 1988 to found al-Qaida, or "the Base"—an organization designed to carry on the war waged so successfully against the Red Army in Afghanistan.

Two of the earliest known terrorist groups—the Jewish Sicarii, or "dagger men," who terrorized 1st century Judea, and the Shiite Muslim Assassins, who terrorized the Middle East in the Middle Ages—were known for pursuing religious rather than strictly political agendas. More recently, Hezbollah, a Shiite Muslim jihadist group, had already pioneered many of the techniques—especially the use of suicide bombers and the intensive manipulation of the news media—that would become al-Qaida trademarks.

Bin Laden's contribution was to take a global approach. In earlier times, terrorist and guerrilla groups had largely operated in one area. The Viet Cong did not try to hit New York. The IRA did not attack Paris. But bin Laden envisioned and developed an insurgency that reached to Europe, Africa, Asia and North America.

There had been cooperation among radical groups before. Palestinian terrorists, for example, cooperated with Western Marxist groups such as the Baader-Meinhof Gang, sometimes carrying out joint operations such as airplane hijackings. But no previous terrorist had attempted to implement an agenda as ambitious as bin Laden's. He dreamed of nothing less than toppling every government in the Middle East and re-establishing a caliphate over the historic lands of Islam stretching from southern Spain to the Philippines.

To carry out this mad dream, he and his cohorts set up terrorist training schools in Afghanistan in the 1990s, where ambitious jihadists could come for political indoctrination, weapons training and instruction in skills such as evading arrest and carrying out kidnappings. There had been terrorism academies before, in such places as Libya and Iran, but bin Laden's were especially impressive insofar as they were created without direct support from any government.

To ramp up operations, bin Laden set up an extensive network to attract funds and recruits from the Persian Gulf, the United States and other places where wealthy Muslims reside. The CIA estimated that al-Qaida was raising and spending \$30 million a year in the lead-up to the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, with only a small portion of

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the total coming from bin Laden's personal fortune.

Bin Laden also showed a flair for two essential aspects of any successful organization: management and media relations. A one-time student of economics at Jidda's King Abdulaziz University and the offspring of one of Saudi Arabia's most successful businessmen, bin Laden brought business school techniques to the task of organizing a global terrorist network. He appointed managers and set up computerized personnel and payroll systems reminiscent of any other start-up company. Peter Bergen has called al-Qaida "the most bureaucratic terrorist organization in history."

It was more of a reach for bin Laden, who had a reputation as a shy, dreamy child, to take charge of public relations, but he did that too. In the 1990s, he began to issue manifestos, usually sent by fax to newspapers such as al-Quds al-Arabi in London, declaring war on "the Jews and the Crusaders." Once his followers began to make good on his boasts with spectacular attacks such as the car bombings of two U.S. embassies in Africa in 1998, bin Laden took advantage of the moment to sit down for televised interviews.

After 9/11, the most destructive terrorist attack in history, bin Laden also became a pioneer in employing the Internet to organize operations, raise funds and indoctrinate followers, moving some of the traditional functions of a terrorist sanctuary into cyberspace.

Yet for all the havoc wreaked in al-Qaida's name—tens of thousands would die in Iraq alone—it is notable how little bin Laden and his followers managed to achieve. They did not topple a single regime anywhere. Instead, by slaughtering so many Muslims, they turned Muslim opinion against them. The Pew Global Attitudes Project recorded a sharp drop in those expressing "confidence" in bin Laden between 2003 and 2010—in Pakistan from 46 percent to 18 percent, in Indonesia from 59 percent to 25

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Truthers

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"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."—St John 8:32

The recent revelation of President Obama's long-form birth certificate should put to rest most of the skepticism from people who have been demanding that the President prove his citizenship. President Obama even used the incident as a main topic for his comedic remarks at the 2011 White House Correspondents' Dinner, where he roasted Donald Trump, who was sitting in the audience, for his incessant demands to show his birth certificate.

The real question should be why the President took almost three years to share his birth certificate if there was nothing to hide in the first place. There are still numerous other documents that individuals have asked for such as his passports, visas, and college

records (some believe he registered as a foreign student). However, President Obama continues to refuse to share these documents, and has purportedly spent a lot of money in legal fees to thwart court attempts to reveal them. The criticism and suspicion that surrounded the long-form birth certificate continues to be raised by those who want to know the truth about these other documents.

Trump only became the new face for an old movement of people that have hounded the President since he campaigned for office. The "birthers"—as they're called by those who like to put labels on others—have been mocked, cajoled, and ridiculed by the mainstream media for their request to see Obama's birth certificate.

Birthers have ranged from the calmly curious citizens who want to know his real status to the persistently pushy politicians who have hidden agendas to advance their own career or cause. The one thing they all have in common is that they want to know the truth. Therefore, their real label—if one needs to be given—should be "truthers". These are people who want to know the truth, regardless of the social ostracism or backlash it may cause.

We have our own truthers here on Saipan. These are the individuals and groups who have asked our leaders for answers to questions about things such as the Marpi power poles, the real reason for the casino initiatives after the public has resoundingly voted "no" twice, or why candidates for the college's top spot refuse to accept the job.

In my search for truth, I've learned that there are usually two reasons given as an explanation for something. The first is the reason that sounds good or is politically correct, and the second is the real reason, or the truth. That is what truthers really want to hear; not the political double-talk or psychobabble that tends to be the

norm. Even if truthers are a minority, they should not be given a label and dismissed as a fringe group of people trying to cause trouble. If it doesn't violate any laws or threaten someone's safety, the truth should be told.

Of course, most know why the truth is hidden. It's because it would not be acceptable to the majority of people, is unethical, illegal, or embarrassing. In other words, something is being covered up in order to benefit a person or small group of individuals at the cost of others.

James Kouzes and Barry Posner gave surveys to several thousand business and government executives on four continents and asked this question: What values (personal traits or characteristics) do you look for and admire in your superiors? In every survey they've conducted, honesty was selected more often than any other leadership characteristic. They stated in their book, *The Leadership Challenge*: "It consistently emerged as the single most important ingredient in the leader-constituent relationship. It's clear that if we're to willingly follow someone—whether it be into battle or into the boardroom, into the classroom or into the backroom, into the front office or to the front lines—we first want to assure ourselves that the person is worthy of our trust."

The bottom line is we don't trust individuals who won't tell us the truth or try to hide the truth from us. Lies, half-truths, manipulation, and subterfuge are the tools of con artists, thieves, and dishonorable people. Give us leaders who are honest and trustworthy.

"Moreover thou shalt provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them to be rulers of thousands..."—Exodus 18: 21

Adding autism awareness and activism to your agenda

By ADRIAN C. BRENN, PH.D.

SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

Autism Spectrum Disorders, or ASDs, are on the rise in the CNMI, more than doubling in the last three years. With more CNMI families coping with ASDs, it also means there are more schools, care facilities, public services, and businesses encountering individuals with these disorders. The disorders place a burden not only on the individuals and families involved, but also on systems of support and on the community (for example, increased needs for service providers and funding for special education and professional training, and loss of work time for family members needing to attend to their child).

A little about ASDs

Autism Spectrum Disorders, also known as pervasive developmental disorders, involve deficits in an individual's ability to communicate and socialize, and can also include many odd behaviors, strange reactions, and different ways of seeing and understanding the world. The vast majority of children with ASDs will require special intervention services well into their school years (and for many, beyond the school years), and their families will often need

assistance in managing the challenges of ASDs.

The causes of ASDs are not yet clear. Genetic factors have been identified and other possibilities are being considered, such as exposure to environmental toxins and/or infections at various times in a child's development. Many people fear that vaccines are the cause. Multiple studies using large population bases have not found any evidence to support the link between ASDs and childhood vaccines.

The good news is that many children with an ASD get better with intensive interventions and can reach significantly higher levels of functioning. This means that many children can improve their basic communication and attention skills and be able to attend general education classes, become more independent, and contribute more to community and family life.

ASD treatment is intensive and demanding

The treatments for ASDs are quite time consuming and comprehensive. They require the ongoing involvement of family members, various professions, and care providers. Basic skills that most children learn automatically have to be taught, such as responding to people, communicating, and understanding basic social rules and nonverbal communication (for example, accurately reading facial expressions). Many normally developing children learn how to talk by watching and interacting with others. This is not the case for most children with an ASD.

In addition to learning communication and social skills, many individuals with an ASD also need to learn how to expand their idea of play, how to relate to siblings, and how to perform usual developmental tasks such as toileting, eating, and dressing. As they grow, there are also transitions to school, community, church, jobs, college, independent living, marriage, and parenthood that often require additional support and lessons. All of this learning is made more challenging for individuals with ASDs because of their difficulty coping with changes in routines and unfamiliar situations. You can understand how parents may feel overwhelmed by so much to do at the same time that they are dealing with the emotions of having a special needs child.

How to help

Awareness is the first step, because it can help you understand why people don't act the way you expect and because it can prepare you to take effective action. Applying your knowledge about individuals and families dealing with ASDs to your social situations, family gatherings, or your planning and policies is the next step. This could include considering the needs of individuals with ASDs in schools, colleges, workplaces, and homes, as well as with emergency response, security checkpoints, medical provision, and health insurance.

For example, when you see a child who mistreats or avoids children, does not appear to listen to his parents or respect others, or has temper tantrums, he or she should not be immediately judged

as spoiled or as having bad parents. Also, knowing that your niece with an ASD has only a few toys that interest her, and making sure you have some of those toys at your house when she visits, could provide her comfort and improve your visit. Teaching and support staff of public and private schools can be aware that a child with autism may not respond well to traditional education or traditional methods of discipline. Knowing what to do in these cases is critical for successful education and behavior management. For police, fire, and other emergency responders, knowing that a child with an ASD may not follow the directions of an unfamiliar person could aid in preventing conditions that might cause trauma or create other negative reactions. Homeland Security and TSA could use this information to understand why a parent requests to have his child walked through an airplane to become familiar with it before traveling, and could develop procedures to make travel a more pleasant experience for everyone. In addition, health providers can consider that a mother may need to have a "pre-appointment" for her son so he can get familiar with a doctor/dentist's office, before having a procedure. These accommodations are important not only for the family and child, but also for other customers, patients and community members around the child.

To find out more, you can contact the Autism Society of the CNMI (as-cnmi@yahoo.com), the Northern Mariana Protection and Advocacy Systems, Inc. (235-7273) or go to the Autism Society of America website (www.autism-society.org), Autism Speaks website (www.autismspeaks.org) or call the Children's Developmental Assistance Center (664-4820), or Early Childhood Special Education (664-3953).

Some other facts

For those of you who are interested in the statistics, in 2009 the U.S. Centers for Disease Control estimated that, on average, 1 in every 110 children born in the United States has an ASD. The CNMI rate of ASDs in 2007 matched the CDC's estimate. Of the 1,388 births in the CNMI in 2007, 12 were diagnosed with an ASD. CNMI rates before 2007 were 1 in every 226 (2005), and 1 in every 185 (2006). Data from more recent years (2008, 2009, and 2010) is not available because children with ASDs born in those years are only now being identified.

Regardless of the year of birth, the number of new CNMI ASD cases has more than doubled since 2005. According to our clinic records, 16 children were newly diagnosed with ASDs between 2005 and 2007. For the following three years, 2008-2010, 42 children were newly diagnosed. 2010 had the highest number of new ASD cases identified, with 20 children total. Since 2005, 58 more children in the CNMI have been diagnosed with an ASD.

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percent, in Jordan from 56 percent to 14 percent.

Perhaps the greatest repudiation of bin Laden is simply the fact that regimes across the Middle East are being toppled by peaceful protesters, not by suicide bombers. But, while the Arab Spring could undermine support for jihadism, it could also offer an opening to small, organized groups of fanatics to seize power in moments of turmoil.






While al-Qaida Central has suffered numerous setbacks, culminating in bin Laden's death, it has sprouted regional affiliates, such as its Yemen and Algerian chapters, which appear as dangerous as ever. Numerous other Islamist groups have not pledged even informal fealty to bin Laden and should not be unduly affected by his death. In Pakistan alone, the roster includes Lashkar-e-Taiba (the group that carried out the Mumbai massacre), the Pakistani Taliban (bent on seizing power in Islamabad), and the Haqqani network (the most dangerous terrorist group in Afghanistan).

If al-Qaida were to go into decline post-bin Laden (and that is far from clear), it would not be surprising to see other jihadist organizations compete for the mantle of leading global jihad. Already other groups have adopted many of his innovations, which brought jihadism into the Information Age. The battle against bin Laden is over, but the battle against bin Ladenism continues.

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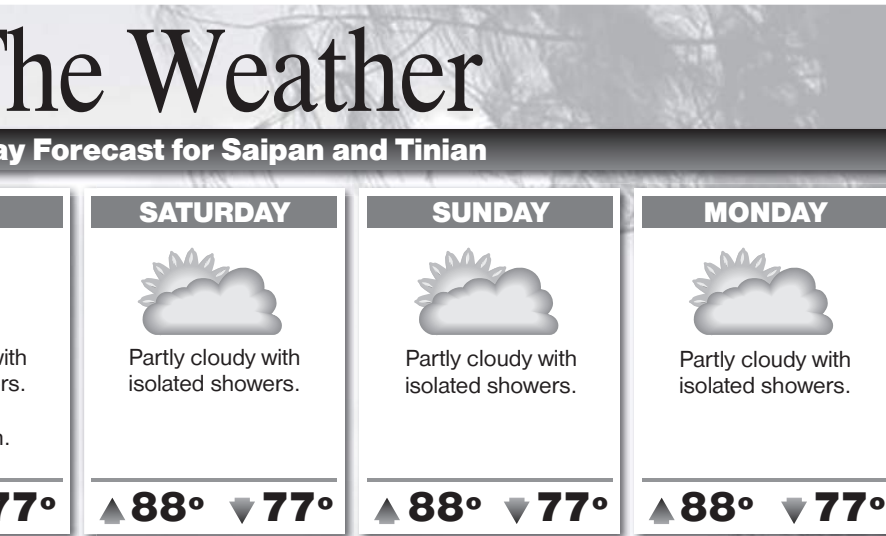
5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
				
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 15 to 20 mph.	Mostly sunny with isolated showers. East winds 15 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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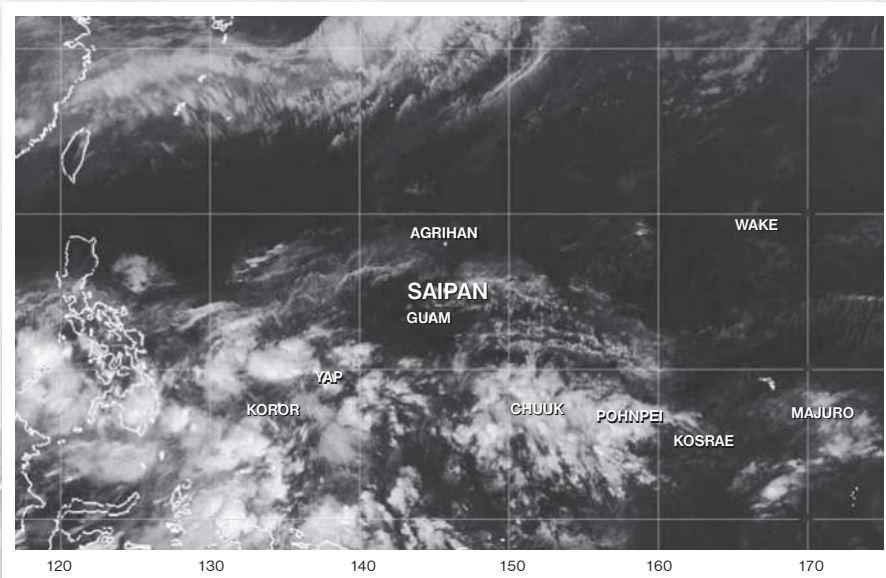
Micronesia			
Guam and Rota	Thundershowers	▲87 ▼81	
Palau	Rain	▲85 ▼78	
Yap	Rain	▲83 ▼77	
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲82 ▼76	
Pohnpei	Rain	▲86 ▼78	
Kosrae	Rain	▲86 ▼80	
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲85 ▼77	

Around The Globe			
Auckland	Showers	▲68 ▼61	
Beijing	Mostly Sunny	▲78 ▼53	
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲81 ▼77	
Honolulu	Windy	▲84 ▼73	
London	Partly Cloudy	▲68 ▼48	
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲83 ▼59	
Manila	Thundershowers	▲91 ▼77	
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲58 ▼46	
Miami	Thunderstorms	▲84 ▼73	
New York	Partly Cloudy	▲62 ▼47	
Osaka	Mostly Cloudy	▲71 ▼55	
Paris	Mostly Sunny	▲72 ▼45	
Pusan	Windy	▲66 ▼53	
Rome	Sunny	▲73 ▼52	
Salem	Partly Cloudy	▲66 ▼47	
San Francisco	Sunny	▲74 ▼55	
Seoul	Showers	▲67 ▼52	
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▲69 ▼57	
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	▲67 ▼51	

Tides			
Saipan Harbor			
3:03 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.1 Feet
7:55 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
3:11 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.2 Feet
10:09 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet



Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 2011
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A near-equatorial trough extends eastward from 6N130E to a weak circulation centered just southwest of Koror at 6N134E then turns southeastward to end at EQ139E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms associated with the trough and circulation are found within an area bounded by a line from EQ130E to 9N130E to 11N135E to 5N144E to EQ145E back to EQ130E. This area includes Koror but is just south of Yap. Trade winds converging to the northeast of the trough are generating scattered showers and a few thunderstorms east of Yap and south of Guam between 7N and 12N from 140E to 146E. A surface trough extends northward from 2N152E to 9N152E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are occurring within 180 miles of a line from 10N148E to 5N154E including Chuuk. Trade-wind convergence is producing scattered showers over Majuro and Butaritari atoll but north of Tarawa or east of a line from 7N168E to 2N167E and east of Pohnpei between 5N and 8N from 159E to 162E.

Sunrise/Sunset			Moonrise/Moonset		
Today	5:53 AM	6:35 PM	Today	7:00 AM	8:19 PM
Friday	5:52 AM	6:36 PM	Friday	7:51 AM	9:12 PM
Saturday	5:51 AM	6:36 PM	Saturday	8:44 AM	10:04 PM
Sunday	5:51 AM	6:36 PM	Sunday	9:40 AM	10:54 PM
Monday	5:51 AM	6:37 PM	Monday	10:37 AM	11:42 PM

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C09313	7:55am	8:45am	3, 6		C09596	6:35am	7:25am	3, 6	
C09313	8:30am	9:20am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7		C09596	7:00am	7:50am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7	
C09601	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7		C09600	10:05am	10:55am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7	
C09603	3:05pm	3:55pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7		C09602	1:40pm	2:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7	
C09605	6:20pm	7:10pm	Daily		C09604	5:00pm	5:50pm	Daily	
C09599	9:30pm	10:20pm	Daily		C09606	8:00pm	8:50pm	Daily	
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)					NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN				
DL287	6:00am	8:45am	Daily, Departs at 6:05am effective June 1		DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily	
DL285	6:40am	9:15am	1, 3, 4, 5, 6		DL286	7:45pm	12:20am+1	2, 3, 4, 5, 7	
DL297	4:35pm	7:20pm	Daily		DL288	8:05pm	12:35am+1	Daily, Arrives at 12:45am effective June 1, 2011	
SAIPAN-OSAKA (KIX)					OSAKA (KIX)-SAIPAN				
OZ119	4:00am	6:40am	Daily		OZ120	9:50am	2:20am+1	Daily	
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)					BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN				
OZ608	3:20am	6:50am	1, 4, 5, 7		OZ607	9:10pm	2:20am+1	3, 4, 6, 7	
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)					SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN				
OZ606	2:10am	6:00am	1		OZ603	9:00am	2:20pm	2, 4, 6, 7	
OZ606	2:40am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7		OZ120	7:10pm	2:20am+1	Daily via KIX	
OZ604	3:20pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7		OZ605	7:40pm	1:00am+1	1, 7	
OZ119	4:00am	11:25am	Daily via KIX		OZ605	8:10pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	
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C09313/933	7:55am	9:25pm	3 via GUM		OZ702/605	1:10pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN	
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C09599/PR111	9:30pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM		C0934/9596	11:25pm	7:50am+1	4 via GUM	
SAIPAN-HONG KONG					HONG KONG-SAIPAN				
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Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency	Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency		
Guam-Rota				Tinian-Saipan					
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 113	11:40	11:50	Daily		
Rota-Saipan				FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily		
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily		
Guam-Rota				FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily		
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily		
Rota-Saipan				FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily		
FRE 400	17:50	18:20	Daily	FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily		
Saipan-Rota				Saipan-Tinian					
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily		
Rota-Guam				FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily		
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily		
Rota-Guam				FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily		
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily		
Saipan-Tinian				FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily		
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily	FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily		
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily	FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily		
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily	FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily		
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily	FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily		
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily	FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily		
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily	FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily		
				FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily		
				FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily		
				FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily		
				FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily		
				FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily		
				FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily		
				FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily		

FLY GUAM FLIGHT SCHEDULE					
Guam-Saipan					
Flight Sector	ETD	ETA	Turn-around Time	Flytime Hrs	Dates
5K389	12:30	13:20	01:00	00:50	Mon, Thu, Sat
Saipan-Guam					
5K382	18:05	18:55	HK	00:50	Tue, Fri, Sun
Saipan-Hong Kong					
5K168	14:20	17:30	HKG	05:10	Mon, Thu, Sat
Hong Kong-Saipan					
5K169	10:00	17:05	01:00	05:05	Tue, Fri, Sun
Mar. 28- May 22					
Guam-Saipan					
5K389	13:35	14:25	01:00	00:50	Mon, Thu, Sat
Saipan-Guam					
5K382	18:00	18:50	HKG	00:50	Tue, Fri, Sun
Saipan-Hong Kong					
5K168	15:25	18:35	HKG	05:10	Mon , Thu, Sat
Hong Kong-Saipan					
5K169	09:55	17:00	01:00	05:05	Tue, Fri, Sun

Man indicted for allegedly fraudulent driver's license

» **Camacho says Homeland Security just wasting taxpayer's money**

By **FERDIE DE LA TORRE**
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REPORTER

A federal grand jury returned Tuesday with an indictment against a jobless man on the same allegations that got him arrested—obtaining a CNMI driver's license through fraud.

Wei Lin was indicted on two counts of document fraud and a count of false statements to a federal agent. He will be arraigned on Friday at 8:45am before U.S. District Court for the NMI visiting judge John A. Houston.

Lin's counsel, Joseph Norita Camacho, told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that this is exactly what he had said before: that taxpayer's money is being wasted on elaborate court proceedings when, in the end, Lin will be deported anyway.

“Guess what? Wei Lin wants to leave. On April 1, 2011, Lin was told by the Department of Homeland Security that he had no status so he could purchase a ticket and voluntarily leave,” Camacho said.

Lin bought his own ticket and when he went to the airport on April 12, 2011, the same federal agent arrested him.

“Let's just cut to the end. Give him back his plane ticket and passport and send him back to China. Homeland Security can blacklist him on their database and Lin can never return to the U.S. including the CNMI. That would save a lot of time and money,” Camacho said.

According to the indictment, Lin allegedly paid a third party to unlawfully obtain the driver's license without meeting the requirements for the issuance of a valid driver's license under CNMI law.

The suspect allegedly presented the Department of Public Safety's Bureau of Motor Vehicles with an affidavit falsely asserting that he had lost his previous driver's license, when he knew that his license had been confiscated by a police officer.

On April 2, 2011, Lin allegedly told special agent Isra D. Harahap of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Homeland Security Investigations that he did not have any identification documents, and that his driver's license had been taken by a U.S. immigration agent in the parking lot of a poker establishment in San Jose.

The statements were false because as Lin knew, he was in actual possession of a duplicate CNMI driver's license that he had fraudulently procured, according to the indictment.

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MARIANAS PUBLIC LAND TRUST,]	Civil Action No.	
Plaintiff,]	06-0554-CV	
]		
vs.]	NOTICE OF SALE	
]		
BONABE H. MARATITA and EMILIA E. MARATITA,]		
Defendants.]		

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that under and by virtue of a judgment made and entered in the above titled action on the 19th day of November, 2007, by the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, to satisfy the amount found and adjudged due Plaintiff in the above titled action from Defendants, as prescribed in the judgment, the undersigned counsel will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the **19th day of May, 2011 at 10 a.m.**, at the Marianas Public Land Trust Conference Room, Capitol Hill, Saipan, the premises and real estate, lying and being on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, described in said judgment, to wit:

Lot 345 R 64, containing an area of 1,083 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Cadastral Plat No. 345 R 03 dated December 19, 1983.

Terms and Conditions of Sale.

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 - withdraw the property listed for sale in the public announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted.
 - To adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is sold, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and
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- Bids. Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in the notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the property. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or by telephone to Robert T. Torres, Attorney at Law, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 670-234-7859; Fax: 670-234-5749.
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- Change of Terms. Auctioneer and MPLT reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct an enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.
- Inspection and No Warranty. Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property; contact the Law Office of Robert T. Torres for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.

DATED this 16th day of March, 2011.

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Plaintiff,]	06-0332-CV	
]		
vs.]	FOURTH AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE	
]		
ELPHIDIA S. KASE and the ESTATE OF TOSHICHI KASE, Deceased,]		
Defendants.]		

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that under and by virtue of a judgment made and entered in the above titled action on the 30th day of November, 2006, by the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, to satisfy the amount found and adjudged due Plaintiff in the above titled action from Defendants, as prescribed in the judgment, the undersigned counsel will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the **19th day of May, 2011 at 10 a.m.**, at the Marianas Public Land Trust Conference Room, Capitol Hill, Saipan, the premises and real estate, lying and being on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, described in said judgment, to wit:

Lot No. 005 I 298, containing an area of 953 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 005 I 05, the original of which was recorded on July 31, 1984 as Document No. 84-1364 at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office, Saipan.

Terms and Conditions of Sale.

- Rights and duties of Auctioneer. Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, the auctioneer shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale:
 - withdraw the property listed for sale in the public announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted.
 - To adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is sold, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and
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Plaintiff,]	02-0397-CV	
]		
vs.]	FOURTH AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE	
]		
DONALD T. FLORES and SHIRLINA DLG. FLORES,]		
Defendants.]		

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that under and by virtue of a judgment made and entered in the above titled action on the 18th day of January, 2005, by the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, to satisfy the amount found and adjudged due Plaintiff in the above titled action from Defendants, as prescribed in the judgment, the undersigned counsel will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the **19th day of May, 2011 at 10 a.m.**, at the Marianas Public Land Trust Conference Room, Capitol Hill, Saipan, the premises and real estate, lying and being on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, described in said judgment, to wit:

Lot No. 002 G 400, containing an area of 924 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 002 G 09 dated May 31, 1989 and filed at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office on May 14, 1990 as File No. 90-1906.

Terms and Conditions of Sale.

- Rights and duties of Auctioneer. Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, the auctioneer shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale:
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Plaintiff,]	06-0331-CV	
]		
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]		
DIEGO SN. DELA CRUZ and LEOLANIE R. DELA CRUZ,]		
Defendants.]		

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that under and by virtue of a judgment made and entered in the above titled action on the 14th day of August, 2007, by the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, to satisfy the amount found and adjudged due Plaintiff in the above titled action from Defendants, as prescribed in the judgment, the undersigned counsel will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the **19th day of May, 2011 at 10 a.m.**, at the Marianas Public Land Trust Conference Room, Capitol Hill, Saipan, the premises and real estate, lying and being on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, described in said judgment, to wit:

Lot/Tract No. 011 G 403, containing an area of 858 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands & Surveys Official Plat No. 011 G 07, the original of which was recorded on December 16, 1993 as Document No. 93-4415 at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office, Saipan.

Terms and Conditions of Sale.

- Rights and duties of Auctioneer. Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, the auctioneer shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale:
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MARIANAS PUBLIC LAND TRUST,]	Civil Action No.	
Plaintiff,]	06-0328-CV	
]		
vs.]	THIRD AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE	
]		
FERNANDO H. RAMANGMOU and MARIE E. RAMANGMOU,]		
Defendants.]		

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that under and by virtue of a judgment made and entered in the above titled action on the 14th day of February, 2007, by the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, to satisfy the amount found and adjudged due Plaintiff in the above titled action from Defendants, as prescribed in the judgment, the undersigned counsel will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the **19th day of May, 2011 at 10 a.m.**, at the Marianas Public Land Trust Conference Room, Capitol Hill, Saipan, the premises and real estate, lying and being on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, described in said judgment, to wit:

Lot 002 G 303, containing an area of 929 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands & Surveys Official Plat No. 002 G 07 dated May 31, 1989 and filed at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office on May 14, 1990 as File No. 90-1904.

Terms and Conditions of Sale.

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DATED this 16th day of March, 2011.

/s/ Robert T. Torres, Auctioneer

JSTA, community ready for Golden Week, Tourism Month

Over 70 volunteers joined the Japan Saipan Travel Association in their semi-annual Tourism Industry Cleanup on April 25 in downtown Garapan.

The cleanup was held in preparation for May Tourism Month and the Japan Golden Week holiday, when hundreds of extra visitors are expected. The cleanup began at 6:30am at the American Memorial Park and netted approximately 350 lbs of trash.

"We are very thankful for all who supported the event. It was a great success with the help of all the members," said JSTA president Takahashi Masanori.

Joining JSTA in the effort were members of Northern Marianas Diving Operators Association, Japanese Society of the Northern Mariana Islands, Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Marianas Visitors Authority. For their beautification efforts, each volunteer received a 2011 edition of the MVA's Tourism

Month T-shirt.

Preparations for Tourism

Month continued with Lt. Gov. Eloy Inos' official proclama-

tion of the month at a signing ceremony on April 29, at 2pm.

May will be highlighted by the 13th Annual Taste of the Mari-

anas International Food Festival & Beer Garden every Saturday beginning May 7 at American Memorial Park from 6pm to 10pm. (MVA)



Tourism officials and partners join Lt. Gov. Eloy Inos at a signing ceremony on April 29, at 2pm where Inos declared May as Tourism Month.

Team captains meeting today for upcoming MMAC

The 2011 Marianas March Against Cancer committee will be holding a team captains' meeting today, May 5, 2011, at 5:30pm at the Hyatt Regency Saipan's Chamolinian Room. All team captains or their representatives are urged to attend.

"We'd like to remind all teams that the 2011 MMAC is coming up next Friday, May 13, so your presence at this meeting is necessary. The committee will be discussing all important details regarding the big event so please be sure to attend. At the same time, we'd like to ask that all committee members and MMAC volunteers attend this meeting as well so that all participants become acquainted with each other," said 2011 MMAC public relations committee chair Christopher A. Concepcion.

The entire CNMI community is invited to the largest annual cancer fundraising event where 10 teams will be competing in different categories with hopes of raising badly needed funds for the fight against cancer. All funds raised are spent entirely in the CNMI on cancer patient assistance, cancer awareness programs, and other cancer related services. There will be food for sale, games for all ages, and live entertainment throughout the event. All teams will also be selling luminaries and raffle tickets with great prizes including free airline tickets courtesy of title sponsor Delta Air Lines. For more information on luminaries contact 2011 luminary chairwoman Catherine Attao-Toves at 285-4089 or email at tao20@yahoo.com.

The annual cancer survivor dinner will begin at 6pm on May 13. All who have survived cancer or are currently undergoing cancer treatment are invited to this unique event held in their honor. Each survivor who registers will be treated to a free dinner sponsored by Take Care/FHP and will be given a free T-shirt and a medallion commemorating their fight against this deadly disease. To register for the event or for more information contact 2011 survivor committee chairwoman Nora Sablan at 235-0994 or email norasablan@gmail.com.

The 2011 Marianas March Against Cancer will be held from 5:30pm to 6am on May 13-14 at the Hopwood Junior High School field in Chalan Piao. For more information call 682-0050 or visit www.ccamarianas.org. (PR)

YOUNG STARS

Members of the Saipan Kidz Legacy of Saipan Music and Dance Studio have their picture taken with first lady Josie Fitial after their invitational performance for the CNMI Women's Association's Inaugural Mother's Day Family Fair at the Carolinian Utt on May 1, 2011. The group performed five numbers in Monday's event. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO



FUTURE TEACHERS

The Northern Marianas College's School of Education faculty, staff, and students take time for a group photo during a pinning ceremony. The pinning ceremony marks one group of NMC education majors slated to graduate this month, "pinning" or marking the transition of the next group, who will soon begin the student teacher internship phase of the program. Fifteen students from the college's education program will graduate on May 21, 2011, during NMC's 30th Commencement Exercises. NMC



Business

With gas nearing \$4, Americans opt for small cars

DETROIT (AP)—Americans are going for smaller cars as gas prices march higher.

New models that get 35 mpg or better, including the Chevrolet Cruze, Hyundai Elantra and Ford Focus, led most major automakers to stronger April sales. Even buyers of pickup trucks chose more efficient engines.

The shift to more fuel-efficient cars was good news for Detroit and Korean automakers, which have plenty of new small cars in stock. But Toyota, struggling with supply shortages since the March 11 earthquake and tsunami in Japan, reported weak sales.

Overall, U.S. sales rose 18 percent from April of last year, to 1.16 million. It was the third straight month that sales hit an annual rate of 13 million or

more and a big improvement from last April, when consumers were more cautious about the economy and unemployment was even higher.

While sales remain below their peak of 17 million in 2005, the April gains were another sign of recovery for the auto industry and the economy. Just two years ago, Americans bought just 10.4 million vehicles.

As buyers come back to U.S. dealerships, they're looking to downsize. Geoff Pohanka, who runs 13 auto dealerships in suburban Washington, said buyers are impressed with small cars' improved design and amenities, like heated leather seats and satellite radio.

"They're not just an econobox," he said.

Rising gas prices make small

cars more appealing, too. The average price of a gallon this week is \$3.96, up \$1.06 from a year ago. Gas is already more than \$4 per gallon in New England, in the Midwest and on the West Coast.

In 2008, the last time gas prices spiked in the U.S., the industry was caught off guard, said Don Johnson, General Motors' vice president of sales and marketing. This time, he said, GM and its rivals have good small cars and can increase production quickly.

Even those who choose bigger vehicles are downsizing. Ford said half the people who bought an F-150 opted for a more efficient V-6 engine instead of a V-8. And more than half of Chevrolet buyers are now choosing smaller, four-cylinder engines, the highest level GM has ever seen.

Senate Democrats eye \$4T budget savings plan

WASHINGTON (AP)—The top Democrat in the Senate on budget matters said Tuesday that he's preparing a fiscal blueprint to slash the deficit by \$4 trillion over the upcoming decade—a plan built on the bipartisan findings of President Barack Obama's deficit commission.

Budget Committee Chairman Kent Conrad, D-N.D., said the plan calls for a complete overhaul of the tax code—stripping out numerous tax write-offs while lowering income tax rates—but would leave Social Security untouched. The tax reform idea would generate an

overall revenue increase in the range of perhaps \$1 trillion over the coming decade.

Conrad briefed his Democratic colleagues on the draft plan, which under Capitol Hill's arcane budget process is a blueprint setting a nonbinding framework for future legislation. The measure could come up for a committee vote next week, Conrad said.

The Senate Democratic plan would offer a counterpoint to a House GOP budget plan that passed last month. The GOP measure calls for a dramatic overhaul of Medicare that, for future retirees now 54 years

old or younger, would turn the popular elderly health care program into a voucher-like system in which beneficiaries would purchase health insurance.

Conrad is also part of a so-called Gang of Six senators working on a separate track to devise a stronger plan that would seek to force Congress to pass deficit-slashing legislation. The group is struggling to reach agreement on a complicated measure that set targets for spending cuts and tax increases that would be enforced by automatic spending cuts and tax increases if Congress is unable to meet them.

BoG promotes Madrazo to VP

HAGATNA, Guam—Bank of Guam announce has promoted Symon Madrazo to vice president/investment.

An alumnus of John F. Kennedy High School, Madrazo joined Bank of Guam in 2001 as a management trainee and has been with the



Madrazo

CFO office since 2002, beginning as an accounting officer before being promoted to investment officer.

A 2001 graduate of the University of Guam with a BBA Major in Accounting, Madrazo attended the University of Wisconsin Financial

Managers School, and recently graduated from the Graduate School of Bank Investments and Financial Management, University of South Carolina, Darla Moore School of Business Executive Education.

Madrazo is a regular volunteer with many of Bank of Guam's financial literacy programs and actively organizes and participates in the bank's basketball and bowling teams. **(BoG)**

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Oil drops below \$111 after US crude supply jump

SINGAPORE (AP)—Oil prices fell to below \$111 a barrel Wednesday in Asia as a report showed U.S. crude supplies rose more than expected last week, suggesting demand growth could be waning. Benchmark crude for June delivery was down 46 cents at \$110.59 a barrel at midday Singapore time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract fell \$2.47 to settle at \$111.05 on Tuesday. In London, Brent crude for June delivery was down 40 cents to \$122.05 a barrel on the ICE Futures exchange.

BP agrees to \$25M penalty for 2006 Alaska spills

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)—BP's subsidiary in Alaska will pay a \$25 million civil penalty under a settlement announced Tuesday that comes five years after more than 200,000 gallons of crude oil spilled from company pipelines on the

North Slope. The penalty is the largest per barrel civil penalty assessed, exceeding the statutory maximum because the settlement, resolves claims other than the spill, according to the EPA. The settlement also calls for BP Exploration Alaska Inc. to install a system-wide pipeline integrity management program.

New rules don't stop newspaper circulation fall

Circulation fell at most of the largest U.S. newspapers compared with a year ago, despite new rules that give publishers more flexibility to boost their totals. The figures released Tuesday, for the six months ended in March, mark the first time that newspapers have calculated circulation under the looser guidelines from the Audit Bureau of Circulations. Among other things, the changes make it easier for newspapers to lump separate editions under different titles into one total. They also allow some copies that are distributed free of charge to be tallied. **(AP)**

Nation

With bin Laden gone, will US stick to war plan?

WASHINGTON (AP)—The demise of Osama bin Laden complicates what was already a tough call for President Barack Obama: how to wind down the nearly decade-old war in Afghanistan. Now the symbolic reason for staying in the fight—to get al-Qaida's leader and avenge 9/11 - has been undercut.

Momentum had been building in Congress and elsewhere for a shift to a narrower, less costly military mission in Afghanistan even before the U.S. raid that killed bin Laden.

This could suit Obama's desire to put Afghanistan behind him by beginning a phased troop pullout this summer along with NATO partners. But it also could put him at sharper odds

with his military commanders, who argue for a slower drawdown and a longer-term military commitment that they believe would lessen the chances of Afghanistan again falling apart.

U.S. commanders fear squandering hard-fought battlefield gains, particularly those achieved with the addition last year of an extra 30,000 American troops. They now face a spring offensive by the Taliban, whose goal remains undermining the Afghan government, discrediting its security forces and driving out U.S. troops.

Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., reflected a wider skepticism about remaining heavily involved in Afghanistan when he said Tuesday that he had not imagined at

the outset of the war in October 2001 that U.S. troops would still be there—"with no end in sight, even after the death of Osama bin Laden."

Top administration officials have vowed not to abandon Afghanistan, even as the U.S. military role shrinks, and their central rationale is not changed by the elimination of bin Laden. They point to 1989 and the U.S. decision to walk away from Afghanistan after the Soviet occupation collapsed; chaos ensued, the Taliban rose to power and al-Qaida had a launch pad for global terror.

The worry is that the pattern would be repeated if the U.S. left anytime soon, giving terrorists a haven and compelling a future president to intervene yet again.

"Nobody wants them (U.S. troops) to leave and come home more than I do, but I don't want them to go back," Sen. Lindsey Graham, an outspoken supporter of Obama's plan to keep troops there until at least 2014, told reporters. His advice to the president: "Stay with the plan you got."

House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, who traveled to Afghanistan, Iraq and Pakistan last month, said it was clear the administration's plan is working. "I don't want to see us take any steps that jeopardize the progress we've made," Boehner told reporters.



AP

In this image released by the White House, President Barack Obama makes a point during one in a series of meetings in the Situation Room of the White House discussing the mission against Osama bin Laden, Sunday, May 1, 2011.

Missouri levee blast eases threat to Illinois town

WYATT, Mo. (AP)—The dramatic, late-night demolition of a huge earthen levee sent chocolate-colored floodwaters pouring onto thousands of acres of Missouri farmland Tuesday, easing the threat to a tiny Illinois town being menaced by the Mississippi River.

But the blast near Cairo, Ill., did nothing to ease the risk of more trouble downstream, where the mighty river is expected to rise to its highest levels since the 1920s in some parts of Tennessee, Mississippi and Louisiana.

"We're making a lot of unfortunate history here in Mississippi in April and May," said

Jeff Rent, a spokesman for the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency. "We had the historic tornados, and now this could be a historic event."

The Army Corps of Engineers was considering making similar use of other "floodways"—enormous basins surrounded by giant levees that can be opened to divert floodwaters.

A staccato series of explosions lit up the night sky Monday over the Mississippi with orange flashes and opened a massive hole in the Birds Point levee. A wall of water up to 15 feet high swiftly filled corn, soybean and wheat fields in southeast Missouri.

Upstream at Cairo, which sits precariously at the confluence of the swollen Mississippi and Ohio rivers, preliminary readings suggested the explosion worked.

But across the river, clearing skies gave a heartbreaking view of the inundation triggered by the demolition. The torrent swamped an estimated 200 square miles, washing away crop prospects for this year and damaging or destroying as many as 100 homes.

A group of 25 farmers sued the federal government Tuesday, arguing that their land had been taken without adequate compensation.



ACROSS THE NATION

Guard searches for missing cruise ship passenger

SAN DIEGO (AP)—The U.S. Coast Guard was searching the waters off San Diego and northern Mexico late Tuesday for a woman who was reported missing from a cruise ship. The 65-year-old woman, whose name was not released, did not show up for a customs check when the Celebrity Millennium ship docked in San Diego around 1 p.m., Coast Guard Petty Officer Henry Dunphy said. It was the first U.S. port of call after the ship stopped in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. The cruise began in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and is destined for Vancouver, British Columbia.

NYC taxis to get suburban look, Japanese nameplate

NEW YORK (AP)—It looks like something you'd see on a suburban cul-de-sac, not inching through Times Square. A boxy minivan made by Nissan will be the next iconic yellow cab in New York City, Mayor Michael Bloomberg announced Tuesday. The model, selected from among three finalists in a city competition, is designed so that it could eventually be updated with an electric engine. The city is exploring the possibility of ultimately replacing the city's entire fleet of more than 13,000 taxis with vehicles powered by electricity.

Asia

Pakistan criticizes US raid on bin Laden

ABBOTTABAD, Pakistan (AP)—Pakistan criticized the American raid that killed Osama bin Laden as an “unauthorized unilateral action,” laying bare the strains the operation has put on an already rocky alliance.

U.S. legislators along with the leaders of Britain and France questioned how the Pakistani government could not have known the al-Qaida leader was living in a garrison town less than a two-hour drive from the capital and had apparently lived there for years.

“I find it hard to believe that the presence of a person or individual such as bin Laden in a large compound in a relatively small town ... could go completely unnoticed,” French Foreign Minister Alain Juppe told reporters in Paris.

British Prime Minister David Cameron also demanded that Pakistani leaders explain how bin Laden had lived undetected in Abbottabad. But in a nod to the complexities of dealing with a nuclear-armed, unstable country that is crucial to success in the war in Afghanistan, Cameron said having “a massive row” with Islamabad over the issue would not be in Britain’s interest.

White House spokesman Jay Carney told reporters Tuesday that the U.S. is committed to co-operating with Pakistan.

“We don’t know who if anybody in the government was aware that bin Laden or a high-value target was living



This Jan. 15, 2011 satellite image provided by DigitalGlobe shows the compound, center left, in Abbottabad, Pakistan, where Osama bin Laden lived.

in the compound. It’s logical to assume he had a supporting network. What constituted that network remains to be seen,” Carney said.

“It’s a big country and a big government and we have to be very focused and careful about how we do this because it is an important relationship.”

A day after U.S. commandos killed the al-Qaida leader following a 10-year manhunt, new details emerged Tuesday from Pakistan’s powerful intelligence agency and bin Laden’s neighbors in Abbottabad.

Residents said they sensed something was odd about the walled three-story house, even though bin Laden and his family rarely ventured outside and most neighbors were not aware that foreigners were living there.

“That house was obviously a suspicious one,” said Jahangir Khan, who was buying a newspaper in Abbottabad. “Either it was a complete failure of our intelligence agencies or they were involved in this affair.”

Neighbors said two men would routinely emerge from the compound to run errands or occasionally attend a neighborhood gathering, such as a funeral. Both men were tall, fair skinned and bearded.

“People were skeptical in this neighborhood about this place and these guys,” said Mashood Khan, a 45-year-old farmer. “They used to gossip, say they were smugglers or drug dealers. People would complain that even with such a big house they didn’t invite the poor or distribute charity.”

ways monitored news reports through cellphones and battery-powered radios.

Struggling to survive each day, the militants have staged bombings and kidnappings mainly to extort money or attract foreign financial support, not because of any outrage over losses suffered by militants outside the country, he said.

“I don’t remember the group staging any such sympathy attacks when I was there,” Hamdie said.

Since bin Laden’s demise was exceptionally big news, the Abu Sayyaf may stage a rare retaliatory attack if Jemaah Islamiyah, which has a more direct link to al-Qaida, backs them with funds and a plan, he said.

A government threat assessment report recently seen by The Associated Press said the Abu Sayyaf has grappled in recent years with funding problems, the loss of several leaders and factionalism but remains a key concern. Desperate for funds, the militants have even targeted people hardly able to pay ransoms, it said.

Bin laden death seen to batter Filipino extremists

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Philippine security officials said Tuesday they expect Osama bin Laden’s death to weaken local Islamic extremists and lead to their elimination, but a captured Abu Sayyaf commander said his comrades have hardly been affected by previous foreign setbacks.

The military and police have strengthened security in the southern Mindanao region, where the al-Qaida-linked Abu Sayyaf has waged attacks for years, but have not monitored any specific threats arising from the U.S. military assault that killed the al Qaida leader early Monday in Pakistan.

President Benigno Aquino III said he would convene a security meeting Wednesday to assess possible threats from local militants that could arise from bin Laden’s killing and warned the public against complacency. Police have deployed extra men to guard the U.S. and other Western embassies.

More than 500 American troops have been helping Filipino counterparts fight the militants with weapons, combat training and intelligence

for nearly a decade. The Abu Sayyaf, which has an estimated 410 fighters, is listed by Washington as a terrorist organization for bombings, kidnappings and beheadings.

“The demise of the principal patron of terrorism and the isolation of these terrorists will subsequently bring about their decimation and total elimination,” the Philippine Department of National Defense said.

Military spokesman Miguel Jose Rodriguez said Abu Sayyaf militants lost an inspirational leader and a sense of invincibility with bin Laden’s death.

However, Abu Hamdie, a captured Abu Sayyaf commander now under the government’s witness protection program, said his former group has hardly been affected by previous outside events and has largely survived on its own.

Militants in the Southeast Asian network Jemaah Islamiyah and other groups have provided funds and training, but even that support has waned in past years, he said.

Although isolated in their remote jungle camps, the Abu Sayyaf militants have al-

World

Libyan rebels: Regime forces shelling supply route

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP)—Forces loyal to Moammar Gadhafi shelled a rebel supply route and a besieged opposition stronghold in western Libya on Tuesday, even as the embattled Libyan leader’s international isolation deepened with a demand by Turkey that he resign now.

Turkey is a key regional mediator and in the past tried to nudge Gadhafi to meet demands for change from the opposition. However Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan adopted a much tougher stance Tuesday, saying that Gadhafi must “immediately step down.”

In Tripoli, Libya’s deputy foreign minister, Khaled Kaim, said such a decision is not up to Turkey, but the Libyan people. “If you want to be a mediator, you shouldn’t express yourself to support one party against the other,” he said.

NATO said its warplanes

would keep up the pressure on Gadhafi’s regime for as long as it takes to end the violence in the North African nation. Italian Navy Vice Adm. Rinaldo Veri said that NATO, having disrupted the regime’s ground forces on the front lines, was now focusing on cutting Gadhafi’s lines of communications with his troops.

Early Wednesday, two loud booms were heard in Tripoli, several minutes apart, apparently from NATO air strikes.

The bombing by a U.S.-led international force started seven weeks ago. NATO took over command of aerial operations at the end of March.

The bombing campaign has stymied Gadhafi’s efforts to retake rebel territory, but the ill-trained and badly equipped opposition has been unable to press the advantage and make advances against government forces.

Rebels in western Libya,

reached by telephone, said loyalist forces fired dozens of rockets at a road Tuesday to disrupt supplies transported from Tunisia through the rebel-controlled Dhuheiba border crossing to rebel towns in a nearby mountain area of Libya. Shelling has caused the road to close intermittently.

The Libyan leader has been fighting rebels in the east of his vast oil-rich nation since an uprising against his rule began in February. His forces control most of western Libya save for a string of villages along the mountainous western border and the port city of Misrata.

In Misrata, under siege by Gadhafi’s forces for two months, fighting continued on the city’s edges, where regime loyalists have taken up positions. The two sides fired shells, and medics reported one dead and 22 wounded, most of them rebel fighters.

Report sees sharper sea rise from Arctic melt

STOCKHOLM (AP)—The ice of Greenland and the rest of the Arctic is melting faster than expected and could help raise global sea levels by as much as 5 feet this century, dramatically higher than earlier projections, an authoritative international assessment says.

The findings “emphasize the need for greater urgency” in combating global warming, says the report of the Arctic Monitoring and Assessment Program (AMAP), the scientific arm of the eight-nation Arctic Council.

The warning of much higher seas comes as the world’s nations remain bogged down in their two-decade-long talks on reducing emissions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases blamed for global warming.

Rising sea levels are expected to cause some of global

warming’s worst damage—from inundated small islands to possible flooding of New York City’s subways. Oceans will not rise uniformly worldwide, because of currents, winds and other factors, but such low-lying areas as Bangladesh and Florida will likely be hard-hit.

The new report, whose executive summary was obtained by The Associated Press, is to be delivered to U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and foreign ministers of the other seven member nations at an Arctic Council meeting next week in Greenland. It first will be discussed by some 400 international scientists at a conference this week in Copenhagen, Denmark.

Drawing on improved research techniques and recent scientific papers, the AMAP report updates forecasts made

by the U.N.’s expert panel on climate change in its last major assessment in 2007.

The melting of Arctic glaciers and ice caps, including Greenland’s massive ice sheet, is projected to help raise global sea levels by 35 to 63 inches (90 to 160 centimeters) by 2100, AMAP said, although it noted that estimate was highly uncertain.

That’s up from the 2007 projection of 7 to 23 inches (19 to 59 centimeters) by the U.N. panel. The U.N. group had left out the possible acceleration of melting in Greenland and Antarctica, saying research on that hadn’t advanced sufficiently by the mid-2000s. The U.N. estimate was based largely on the expansion of ocean waters from warming and the runoff from melting land glaciers elsewhere in the world.

WORLD BRIEFS

Iraq: car bomb near cafe kills 16 in Baghdad

BAGHDAD (AP)—A car bomb tore through a cafe packed with young men watching a football match Tuesday in Baghdad, killing at least 16 people, officials said. It was the first major attack since U.S. commandos killed al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden in Pakistan. Nobody claimed responsibility for the attack, which struck a Shiite enclave in a mainly Sunni neighborhood, but it bore the hallmarks of the terror network’s chapter in Iraq. Al-Qaida operatives have vowed revenge for bin Laden’s death on Monday.

5 decapitated bodies found near Mexican capital

TOLUCA, Mexico (AP)—Police in the suburbs of Mexico City found a total of five decapitated bodies on Tuesday accompanied by written messages of the kind frequently left by drug gangs. The bodies were found at two sites in Mexico state, which surrounds the

capital. While Mexico City has been spared most of the country’s drug violence, executions have occurred in communities just outside it. Mexico state chief prosecutor Alfredo Castillo says four of the bodies were found in a compact car. Their heads were also found in or around the vehicle.

3 dead, 11 trapped in Mexican coal mine explosion

SAN JUAN DE SABINAS, Mexico (AP)—A gas explosion in a coal mine in northern Mexico on Tuesday killed three miners, injured one and left 11 others trapped deep underground. Officials said chances were slim that anyone could have survived the massive blast. Dozens of weeping relatives of the miners gathered outside the small, recently opened mine in San Juan de Sabinas, Coahuila state, about 85 miles (135 kilometers) southwest of Eagle Pass, Texas. President Felipe Calderon called on Mexicans “to pray that they are still alive.”

Focus

TIMELINE, HISTORY OF OSAMA BIN LADEN RAID

40 minutes to capture or kill

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WASHINGTON—The nail-biting moment, the period when absolute disaster loomed, came at the very start.

About two dozen Navy SEALs and other U.S. commandos were supposed to rope down into a Pakistani residential compound from a pair of specially modified Black Hawk helicopters in the predawn hours Monday, race into two buildings, and capture or kill Osama bin Laden. One chopper stalled as it hovered between the compound's high walls, unable to sustain its lift, and thudded into the dirt.

Half a world away in the White House Situation Room, the president and his war council crowded around a table covered with briefing papers and keyboards, and watched nervously as video feeds streamed in. The special forces team needed a rescue chopper. Gunfire was blazing around them. No one wanted another "Black Hawk Down" debacle.

"A lot of people were holding their breath," recalled John Brennan, the president's counterterrorism adviser.

The extraordinary drama surrounding the killing of bin Laden encompassed the White House, the CIA and other arms of America's vast national security apparatus. The tale is part detective story, part spy thriller. But the decade-old manhunt for the al-Qaida leader ultimately came down to a three-story building on a dirt road in the Pakistani army town of Abbottabad, north of Islamabad.

If the raid went wrong, Obama would bear the blame. He had vetoed a plan to obliterate the compound with an airstrike. Obama wanted to be certain he had bin Laden, and there was no guarantee that a smoking crater would yield proof. He had asked for a bolder plan, one that would allow the U.S. to take custody of bin Laden or his body. It posed far more risk.

As reports flowed into the White House, the commando team methodically swept through the compound. Bin Laden and his family lived on the second and third floors of the largest structure, U.S. intelligence indicated. Officials said that when the commandos found him there, he was armed and "resisted." They shot him in the head and chest.

There were conflicting reports Monday about whether bin Laden had fired at the Americans, or whether he had tried to use a woman as a human shield. His wife, who called out bin Laden's name during the fight, was wounded in the leg during the battle and may have tried to interpose herself between the troops and her husband, but bin Laden was not hiding behind her, a senior U.S. official said.

Within 20 minutes, the fighting had ended. In 20 more, the military had flown in a backup helicopter. The commandos questioned several people in the compound to confirm bin Laden's identity, detonated explosives to destroy the crippled Black Hawk and then

departed. As they flew off, they carried with them the bloodied corpse of the tall man with a thick beard.

In addition, the raiding party took "a large volume of information" from the compound, a U.S. official said, "so large that the CIA is standing up a task force" to examine it for clues. The material, which includes digital and paper files, could be a treasure trove of new intelligence about al-Qaida, the official said. Among other things, officials hope the information will lead them to al-Qaida's other leaders.

They left behind the bodies of four other people killed in the raid—a courier they had been tracking for years, his brother, one of bin Laden's sons and an unidentified woman.

The Pakistani government, which had not been informed of the raid in advance, scrambled aircraft in response to the firefight, but the low-flying U.S. helicopters quickly flew out of Pakistani airspace.

Within hours, bin Laden's remains had been given funeral rites designed by the military to be consistent with Muslim practices and dropped into the northern Arabian Sea from the hangar deck of the USS Carl Vinson, an aircraft carrier. The FBI quickly slapped "Deceased" on its Internet posters for the world's most-wanted terrorist.

Bin Laden had vanished after the Sept. 11 attacks of 2001. U.S. military commanders had failed to close the noose around his Afghan stronghold in Tora Bora, and the al-Qaida leader and his aides somehow hiked across the rugged border region into Pakistan.

Once or twice a year, bin Laden popped up on a new video or audio tape, mocking America's leaders and urging his faithful to follow his path. They did so with bombings in London, Madrid, Bali and elsewhere.

The CIA knew that bin Laden had stopped using cellphones and other electronic or digital communications long ago to evade U.S. intelligence. He relied on human couriers instead to get his videos and other messages out to underlings and followers.

Find the courier, the thinking went, and they would ultimately find bin Laden.

Interrogators at the U.S. Naval Base at Guantanamo Bay were pushed to ask al-Qaida suspects in custody about possible



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Residents of Abbottabad, Pakistan, said they believed the two men who were hiding Osama bin Laden were either smugglers or gold merchants and that that fact accounted for the unusual high and thick walls that had been built around the compound.

couriers. The information came in pieces, a U.S. official said, and it took years.

The information enabled the CIA and other intelligence agencies to develop "a composite" of bin Laden's courier network.

"One courier in particular had our constant attention," a U.S. intelligence official said. Detainees "indicated he might be living with and protecting bin Laden. But for years, we were unable to identify his true name or his location."

The break came in 2007. Khalid Shaikh Mohammed, the former operations chief for al-Qaida and self-described mastermind of the Sept. 11 attacks, disclosed the nickname of a Pakistani man he said was bin Laden's most trusted confidante and courier. Confirmation came from Abu Faraj Libbi, another captured al-Qaeda leader, and other prisoners.

Several media outlets identified the courier Monday as Maulawi Abd Khaliq Jan based on a U.S. military assessment file on Libbi that was released by WikiLeaks last week. An administration official said that name was incorrect. Officials have so far declined to identify him.

It took the CIA until last summer to locate his fortified compound in Abbot-

tabad, a quiet city in rolling hills north of Islamabad. Named for a British colonial officer, the former hill station is home to a prestigious Pakistani military academy, an army regiment and thousands of retired military officers.

Satellite photos showed the house and one-acre compound had been built in 2005. The high walls, barbed wire and pervasive security cameras suggested it was designed as a private fortress.

It took months to build a picture of who was living in the compound, but eventually the CIA concluded that one of the families was likely to include bin Laden, several wives and children.

"There wasn't perfect visibility on everything inside the compound, but we did have a very good idea" of how many people lived there, how many women and children were in one of the families, and other pertinent details, said one of the intelligence officials.

With help from the National Security Agency, which intercepts communications, and the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, which provides detailed maps and other data, the intelligence finally coalesced in February.

"Our confidence level grew much higher" that bin Laden might be hiding in the compound, a senior official said. But the intelligence wasn't definitive. No one had seen him for certain, and there was concern that obtrusive surveillance efforts would be discovered and cause him to flee.

As the details accumulated, President Barack Obama ordered his national security team to develop courses of action, according to senior administration officials. The team brought several proposals for attacking the site, and they were refined over the next few weeks.

"There was a body of intelligence brought" to Obama, a Pentagon official said, "but in the weeks and months beforehand, his personal attention pushed the case to a new level."

As officials refined their plans, the SEALs team practiced the raid in early April, using a replica of the compound. Officials insisted that they hadn't decided in advance to kill bin Laden rather than take him prisoner.

"There were certainly capture contingencies," said a senior Pentagon official. But until nearly the last minute, it wasn't clear the mission would go.

Obama met with his senior national security aides on Thursday to review three options—the commando raid, an airstrike, or a pause for further intelligence gathering. He went around the table of advisers and asked each to weigh in.

The intelligence remained uncertain about whether bin Laden was actually at the compound. Half of those present supported the raid, the rest were divided between the other two choices, a senior official said. Obama then left the meeting without announcing his decision.

Friday morning, just before Obama flew to Alabama to survey the devastation left by a flurry of tornadoes, the team met again in the White House Diplomatic Room. "It's a go," the president said. The UH-60 Black Hawks were supposed to fly on Saturday, but due to bad weather, the commanders pushed the schedule back a day.

Had the operation gone that day as planned, it would have coincided closely with a NATO airstrike on a villa in Tripoli where Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi, another longtime U.S. foe, apparently had visited. He escaped harm, but the missiles killed one of his sons and three grandchildren.

Saturday evening, the president grinned broadly and offered light remarks at the annual White House correspondents' dinner at a hotel in Washington. He joked about releasing his birth certificate and poked fun at Donald Trump.

Comedian Seth Meyers quipped that bin Laden was hiding in plain sight by hosting a C-SPAN show. The president had in fact spent much of the day being briefed on the operation.

On Sunday, Obama monitored the final preparations in the Situation Room, along with Tom Donilon, his national security adviser. Others quickly gathered, including Vice President Joe Biden, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, Defense Secretary Robert Gates, Joint Chiefs Chairman Adm. Mike Mullen and James Clapper, director of national intelligence.

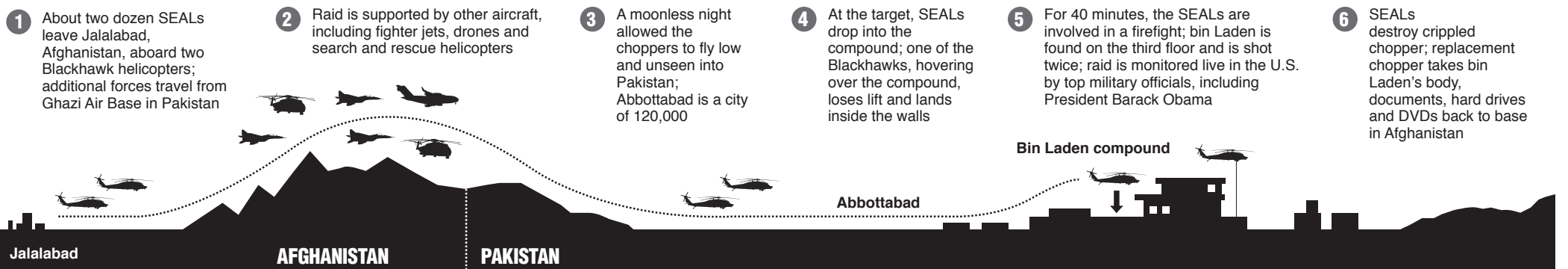
The president joined the group as the operation got under way at around 2 p.m. Sunday afternoon Washington time—around midnight in Pakistan. The room was silent in between reports.

"It was probably one of the most anxiety-filled periods of time, I think, in the lives of the people who were assembled here yesterday," said Brennan, the president's Arabic-speaking counterterrorism adviser. "The minutes passed like days."

At 3:50 p.m. Sunday, Obama was told that bin Laden had been "tentatively" identified. A few hours later, he was told that there was a "high probability" that the al-Qaida leader had been killed. DNA tests, using samples from several bin Laden family members, would later confirm bin Laden's identity.

The risk had paid off. Brennan said Obama's reaction to the news was simple: "We got him."

How the U.S. raid on Osama bin Laden unfolded



Environment

Slashing the trash

» Families embrace the three R's of simpler life

By TED GREGORY
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

CHICAGO—For those content to toss empty spaghetti sauce jars, soda cans, and bagged newspapers in the proper bins in pursuit of responsible recycling, the efforts of the Holmes and Rappe families may be astonishing.

They work far beyond the recycling horizon in a realm many would find daunting, even frightening.

The Holmeses, a family of five in Hoffman Estates, Ill., produce one plastic grocery bag of trash a week. And the four-member Rappe family, who live in Chicago, generate a mere 200 pounds a year, less than one-fourth the average amount of trash produced by a single person.

So how do these uber-recyclers do it? No big deal, they say, insisting their hardcore approaches are simple to adopt, practical and well worth examining.

"Average Joe should be able to do this," said Scott Rappe, a Chicago architect. "It shouldn't take a class or studying a lot of books. You should be able to process the waste on site without having to twist your whole life around."

The key may start with their broad definition of recycling. For such families, recycling includes converting leftover pasta, chicken bones and lemon rinds

to compost; making their own laundry detergent, even plucking reusable wood paneling from a neighbor's curb before the garbage truck swallows it.

"I didn't intend for it to be this way," said Amanda Greco Holmes, "but it creeps into everything you do. Every little thing. I'm always trying to think of how I can do this with less."

Greco Holmes and her husband, Matthew, had a love of the outdoors before their first child arrived seven years ago. But Greco Holmes said having

children was "a paradigm shift" that highlighted the possibilities of raising environmentally responsible kids and ratcheted up her intensity.

The family's two-story, four-bedroom home blends with the rest of the neighborhood and shows no trace of environmental revolution. But the back yard offers a few hints: a chicken wire and plywood compost bin, a swing made from tire scraps, a "potato box" for growing tubers and raised gardens for vegetables.



Scott Rappe works in his backyard and deck where he keeps recycling containers, April 19, 2011, in Chicago, Illinois. In the yellow bucket are food scraps like chicken bones, pasta, shrimp, lemon rinds and bokashi, a fermented wheat bran that aids food scrap composting.

At first glance, nothing seems unusual inside, except the only paper the family uses is on a roll next to the toilet. They make their household and glass cleaners, along with the laundry detergent—all with simple ingredients that include an olive-oil based soap, borax, vinegar and baking soda.

They use bar shampoo and recyclable toothbrushes. Only three pieces of their furniture were purchased new. And the three kids used the same cloth diapers, a move Greco Holmes said saved perhaps thousands of dollars and expedited potty training.

Recycling "starts well before the recycling bin," said Greco Holmes, who also blogs on the topic of a simpler life. (onebyone.blogspot.com) "Recycling is a fantastic thing, but it's still a use of resources and that's something we want to eliminate."

Rappe, who turned 47 on Earth Day, focuses his family's efforts on transforming all the trash they create while keeping as much as possible on site. It may sound almost crazy until a visitor walks through his trim back yard and climbs the spiral stairs to his third-floor deck.

On that deck is a yellow, five-gallon, plastic bucket with a screw-on top and a spigot. In that bucket goes the Rappes' non-plant food scraps, layered with bokashi, a fermented wheat bran that aids food scrap composting in an odorless process that also makes the mush

unappealing to rats.

Every few weeks, he drains then empties the bokashi bucket into a larger covered metal trash can at the base of the stairs. A few weeks after that, he dumps the material to another compost can next to his garage then to the flower gardens in his back yard.

Rappe and his family—wife Grace and sons, Nicholas, 10, and Matthew, 13—recycled 496 lbs. of "not-conventionally compostable" food that way, he said. He knows the precise figure because in 2009 he weighed his trash using a luggage scale.

That year, the Rappes generated 1,800 lbs. of trash and were able to recycle or compost all but 197 lbs., which Scott Rappe jokingly calls "evil trash" that consisted mostly of plastic wrap.

Here's a light bulb moment: Understand what's out there

By TERRI BENNETT
MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS



All the buzz lately is about the looming

phase-out of the incandescent light bulb that was invented more than 100 years ago. It's a bulb so inefficient that most of its energy heats its surroundings rather than illuminating them. So in 2007, President George W. Bush enacted The Energy Independence and National Security Act requiring light bulbs to be 25 percent more energy efficient by January 2012. That means goodbye to energy draining light bulbs and hello to more efficient and ultimately cost effective options. The question now is, do you know which type of energy efficient bulb is best for you? Do Your Part to know the pros and cons of each before you buy.

Let's start with new halogen options. Many manufacturers are producing eco-labeled halogen bulbs that meet or exceed the new energy efficiency standards. These bulbs are generally shaped like traditional incandescent bulbs but last about 25 percent longer. They can be used in a variety of fixtures including ones with dimmers. However, they do give off a lot of heat and can be a fire hazard in certain freestanding floor lamps that are easily tipped over.

Fluorescent lighting is a common energy efficient option but it has limitations. It's most effective in an office setting because the bulbs are designed to be left on for long periods of time, don't need to be replaced frequently, and give off very little heat. The Compact Fluorescent Light bulb, for use at home, has

similar benefits. However, the bulbs can burn out prematurely if you use them in a light that's turned on and off a lot and for short periods of time. You also need to make sure that the CFL you choose is labeled for specific uses such as with a timer or motion sensor or in a 3-way, dimmable, or recessed fixture.

All fluorescent bulbs, including CFLs, also contain a small amount of mercury and should never be tossed in the trash. Visit DoYourPart.com/Columns to find a qualified recycler near you.

Light Emitting Diode bulbs are currently one of the most energy efficient choices. They're 75 percent more efficient than incandescent bulbs and last 25 times longer. One new LED bulb in the baby nursery could still be shining brightly when your newborn is grown and heading to college. LED bulbs can be used with dimmers, recessed light fixtures, timers, and motion sensors. They are the more expensive choice right now but prices are beginning to drop as demand grows. I recently bought a standard 40-watt equivalent LED bulb that uses just 10 watts of power for less than \$10 on sale.

The phase-out of the traditional incandescent bulbs shouldn't be a political statement nor should it be about 'big brother' telling you what kind of bulb to use. The phase-out is simply about adopting newer and more energy efficient technology to help us light our homes and business. Now that there are so many choices, it's easy to Do Your Part.

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EPA helps build awareness around asthma

» Asthma affects nearly 25 million people in the US

WASHINGTON, D.C.—To kick off Asthma Awareness Month, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is commemorating World Asthma Day by bringing awareness to a growing nationwide problem. Asthma has consistently increased over the past decade with more than 4 million additional cases reported, including nearly 1 million additional cases reported in children. One out of every 10 school aged children is affected and approximately 13 million people have reported having an asthma attack in the past year. EPA is taking action to ensure cleaner air and a healthier environment for children and families dealing with asthma.

EPA provides guidance and resources to reduce indoor air triggers such as dust mites,

mold, cockroaches, pet dander, and secondhand smoke in homes and schools. In addition to voluntary actions, EPA has taken a number of regulatory actions to protect people's health by updating air quality standards and reducing air pollution from power plants, industry and vehicles. For example, EPA recently proposed the first national standard for mercury pollution from power plants, which is estimated to prevent 120,000 cases of childhood asthma symptoms, helping people breathe easier by improving outdoor air quality and reducing fine particle pollution.

As part of Asthma Awareness Month, EPA recommends these top five steps people can take to help prevent asthma attacks:

■ **Take it outside.** One of the

most common asthma triggers in the home is secondhand smoke. Until they can quit, people should smoke outside, not in their home or car.

■ **Play it safe.** Ozone and particle pollution can cause asthma attacks. People should check the Air Quality Index (AQI) to view reports of unhealthy levels.

■ **Keep it clean.** Dust mites are also triggers for asthma. For dust mite control, cover mattresses and pillows with allergen proof covers and wash sheets and blankets once a week in hot water.

■ **Stake your claim.** Household pets can also trigger asthma. People should keep pets out of the bedroom and off furniture.

■ **Break the mold.** Mold is

another asthma trigger. The key to controlling mold is controlling moisture. People should wash and dry hard surfaces to prevent and remove mold, and should replace moldy ceiling tiles and carpet.

Asthma is a nationwide problem. On June 9-10 EPA will host the National Asthma Forum in Washington, D.C. Hundreds of providers, health departments, community asthma coalitions, researchers, policy makers, and others will gather to discuss the most effective community based strategies for improving asthma outcomes, building successful and sustainable asthma care programs, and extending the reach and impact of high quality asthma care to everyone in need. (EPA)

ON THE NET

- More information on asthma: <http://www.epa.gov/asthma/index.html>
- More information on the forum: <http://www.epa.gov/asthma/forum.html>
- More information about community-based asthma programs: <http://www.AsthmaCommunityNetwork.org>

Life & Style

Australian actor almost outgrew his 'Thor' costumes

Officials try to ID body in home of 1959 Playmate

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Former Playboy playmate and B-movie actress Yvette Vickers kept to herself and tended her flowers on a quiet, tree-lined street perched above Beverly Hills that actors, producers and writers call home.

So it came as a shock when neighbors learned a badly decomposing body had been inside the home for several months to a year.

"There is a feeling of safety on this street," said Terri Cheney, an author and entertainment attorney who has lived there since 1994. "You don't feel like that would happen here—someone being neglected like that."

It was still unknown if it was the body of Vickers, who appeared in "Attack of the 50 Foot Woman," "Attack of the Giant Leeches" and other cult films of the 1950s.

It could take a week to determine the identity, coroner's Lt. Cheryl MacWillie said Tuesday.

By the looks of Vickers' one-bedroom home, it might have been difficult to detect anything unusual had happened inside.

The two-story, brown dwelling is rustic and sits next to two modern homes that dwarf it. Ivy and bougainvillea are draped on a front window, and the grounds on a steep hillside are overgrown with foliage.

Cheney, 51, said she didn't know Vickers had been an actress or was a Playboy magazine playmate in July 1959. Cheney only said hello to Vickers a few times and noticed the woman liked to water her flowers.

"She seemed lovely," Cheney said. "She went with the house, it was a little bit unusual. It has a fairy-tale kind of charm to it."

Another neighbor, Susan Savage, an actress, saw the yellowing envelopes and the cobwebs that grew around the unclaimed mail. Savage managed to get inside the house, finding a badly decomposed body and a space heater set to "on" nearby.

Ferrell shaves O'Brien's beard in 'Beardpocalypse'

NEW YORK (AP)—Will Ferrell finally triumphed over his arch enemy: Conan O'Brien's beard.

Ferrell culminated a weeks-long lead-up to Monday's episode of "Conan" by shaving the late-night TV talk show host's beard. A giddy and determined Ferrell guest-starred on the program, promoted as the "Beardpocalypse."

While guzzling Barbicide, Ferrell trimmed O'Brien with

"I just screamed," Savage recalled Tuesday. "I got out of there right away."

Authorities do not suspect foul play, but say it could take a week to determine definitively that it was Vickers' body. The remains could have been there from a few months to a year, Los Angeles County Assistant Chief Coroner Ed Winter said.

Born Yvette Vedder on Aug. 26, 1928, in Kansas City, Missouri, she attended the University of California, Los Angeles, before discovering acting and leaving school to pursue it.

Her first film role was as a giggling girl in "Sunset Boulevard" in 1950. In 1957, she appeared in the James Cagney-directed, "Short Cut to Hell," but it flopped and she turned to B-movies.

"She was quite a looker, very beautiful," said Don Prell, 81, who married Vickers in the mid-1950s and lived in the house on Westwanda Drive. Prell said Vickers was an only child and was the daughter of a saxophonist who knew the legendary Charlie Parker.

"I was very impressed with that," said Prell, a bassist who played with The Bud Shank Quartet.

Prell added it was her desire to be an actress that helped lead to their divorce 2½ years into the marriage.

"I came back home off the road and she left a note or something saying she wanted to get out," he said.

Prell found out later his ex-wife was the Playboy magazine playmate, July 1959, when he saw her layout in the back room of the San Francisco Symphony where he performed.

"I saw the photo and said, 'that's my ex-wife up there!'" he said. "The guys there thought it was pretty crazy, a bass player married to someone in Playboy."

"It's probably been a hit all my life," he said.

It wasn't immediately known if Vickers had any relatives.

clippers, which he named "Ex-calibear." He had promised O'Brien that the razor "sleeps for no one."

Ferrell did a haphazard job of it, but the shave was finished off-camera. It was the first time O'Brien gave up the beard he grew after NBC jettisoned him from the "Tonight Show."

Seeing O'Brien's fresh-faced mug again, Ferrell turned remorseful, saying he had made a "terrible mistake."

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MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—Turning your body into that of a god is a weird process.

Chris Hemsworth knows. Once he was tapped to play the title character in "Thor," the Australian actor threw himself into a body-building regimen that would transform his solid but unspectacular physique into one worthy of a Marvel superhero.

"I don't naturally have the kind of weight Thor has," Hemsworth said. "I ate tons of protein. Worked out a lot. I've always been pretty active, but nothing on this scale."

"It's deceptive. It's such a slow process that when you look in the mirror every day you don't realize the subtle changes. Everyone else around me was saying, 'Oh, my God, you're huge.' And I'm looking in the mirror and thinking, 'It's not working. I've got to eat more!'"

In fact, Hemsworth said, he went a bit too far.

"I put on too much muscle. A few days before shooting was to begin we realized none of my costumes fit. I had to crash diet just to squeeze into them."

Hemsworth, 27, said that playing a comic-book hero has special challenges. Foremost among them is ensuring that Thor's human side is as compelling as the action and special effects.

"Our big focus was on how to make Thor relatable. These are gods speaking to each other, but on the other hand, these are fathers and sons, brothers. We can all relate to that."

"So it was all about humanizing the gods and finding the truth in their lives. And once you find it, to not drift away into all the big colorful things a movie like this can become."

The story finds the arrogant



MARVEL STUDIOS/MCT

Chris Hemsworth stars as Thor in THOR, from Paramount Pictures and Marvel Entertainment.

Thor banished from Asgard by his father, Odin (Anthony Hopkins). Sent to Earth, he must create a new life surrounded by mortals.

Grounding "Thor" was director Kenneth Branagh and a supporting cast that included Oscar winner Natalie Portman, Idris Elba, Stellan Skarsgard, Ray Stevenson and Rene Russo.

"Marvel is such a sleek machine that we knew the special-effects side was already taken care of. Ken had to be aware of that side of the production, but he didn't have to dwell on it. He could work on

grounding the film."

While he's best known for filming Shakespeare classics like "Henry V," "Hamlet" and "Much Ado About Nothing," Branagh grew up reading The Mighty Thor comic books, Hemsworth said.

"So, really, he became the perfect blend of fan and careful filmmaker. He knows story and character development. He certainly knows how to assemble a production. With a film like this it's too easy to get lost in the effects, but Ken was all about story, character, the relationships. His vision of Thor was that of a

man looking for his place in life, and he made sure we all concentrated on that."

A native of Melbourne, Hemsworth grew up in a non-show biz family. But clearly there is some sort of thespian gene in the Hemsworth blood line. Both of his brothers are actors. Liam was in the Nicolas Cage sleeper hit "Knowing," appeared in "The Last Song" (and dated co-star Miley Cyrus) and has a big role in next year's much-anticipated "The Hunger Games." Luke is a familiar face on Australian television dramas.

"Neither of our parents are actors or in the business. For whatever reason, we boys developed a love for acting. We grew up loving storytelling and movies, reading 'The Lord of the Rings' as kids and sharing a real sense of adventure. That has followed us into our adult lives."

Hemsworth describes his siblings as competitive but supportive.

"We really back each other; it's sort of a team effort. This business has lots of ups and downs, and having close friends really helps."

For Hemsworth, it has been mostly ups. He played Captain Kirk's father, George, in J.J. Abrams' 2009 "Star Trek" reboot. He has already completed the thriller "The Cabin in the Woods" (based on a Joss Whedon script) and a remake of the Cold War action pic "Red Dawn."

Last week he once again suited up as Thor as the follow-up, "The Avengers," went before the cameras.

"I had the perfect introduction with 'Star Trek'—a small role in a big, successful movie. There really wasn't much pressure there, and it got me ready for 'Thor.' I'm a bit nervous, sure, but my excitement overrides my trepidation."

Galifianakis, Bieber among Webby Award winners

NEW YORK (AP)—As a mock interview show host, Zach Galifianakis is accruing awards at the rate of a "60 Minutes" correspondent.

Galifianakis led the 15th annual Webby Awards on Tuesday with four awards for his Web series "Between Two Ferns with Zach Galifianakis." He won best Web personality/host, best comedy short and best online variety show. He won the latter in both the voter-chosen "People's Voice" category, and the proper Webby Award category.

The Webbys, which celebrate Internet achievement, are presented by the International Academy of Digital Arts and Sciences, a group of 750 Web experts as well as other Internet professionals.

Galifianakis' irreverent, sporadically released show, which appears on FunnyOrDie.com, is done in the style of a cable

people's Voice award for best comedy video for his April Fool's takeover of FunnyOrDie.com as "Bieber or Die." The site's

home page was remade with clips featuring Bieber in famous viral videos.

The comedy site, co-founded by Will Ferrell and Adam McKay, could boast a total of nine awards. That included the Webby for best humor site and a People's Voice award for Jim Carrey's performance as Ronald Reagan in the site's star-packed "Presidential Reunion" video.

The app sensation "Angry Birds" was chosen for best game, for both the Webby and



Galifianakis

The New Yorker's website won the Webby for best magazine site. PBS's iPad app was picked for best entertainment for a tablet. Conan O'Brien's TeamCoco.com won the Webby for best celebrity or fan website.

The New York Times, which recently began charging readers for access to its site, won three awards in how-to, travel and mobile.

A full list of winners can be found at WebbyAwards.com. Special recognition awards will be announced later.

The awards will be handed out in a ceremony in New York on June 13. The Webbys are famous for their trademark brevity, with acceptance speeches limited to just five words.



Paul Gauguin bust sells at NYC auction for \$11.3M

NEW YORK (AP)—A rare wooden sculpture of a Tahitian girl by Paul Gauguin sold for \$11.3 million at auction Tuesday.

The “Young Tahitian” bust, last seen by the public in 1961, had been estimated to bring \$10 million to \$15 million, the Sotheby’s auction house said.

The sculpture is of a serene-looking Tahitian girl wearing large earrings and a necklace of coral and shells the French artist collected and strung himself. It’s the only known fully worked three-dimensional bust he made.

Gauguin spent many years in Tahiti painting the island’s beautiful women, flowers and

lush tropical landscape.

He presented the sculpture, “Jeune tahitienne” in French, to a friend’s 10-year-old daughter in 1894 after promising her he would bring her a gift from the South Seas.

Many years later, that girl, Jeanne Fournier, entrusted a Dominican priest to sell the sculpture. On June 28, 1961, it was consigned to a Sotheby’s auction in London.

The 9 1/2-inch (24-centimeter) sculpture had been in the possession of the current owner who lives in a northeastern New England state since then. The owner’s name hasn’t been disclosed.

The current record for a Gauguin artwork is \$40.3 million for “L’homme à la hache,”

or “Man with the ax,” an oil on canvas that sold at Christie’s auction house in New York in November 2006.

The latest auction coincides with the “Gauguin: Maker of Myth” exhibition at the Nation-

al Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C. It is the first major exhibition of the artist’s career in the United States in about 20 years.

A Gauguin painting at the gallery, “Two Tahitian Women,” was attacked by a visitor there

early last month. Conservators determined the painting, which was valued at \$80 million and was covered by plastic glass, sustained no damage after the visitor tried to pull it off a wall and hit it.

The painting, on loan from the Metropolitan Museum of Art, was returned to the display days later.

A neighbor is banished from ‘Dancing’ ballroom

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Reality TV star Kendra Wilkinson now has one less reality show to report to.

The former Girl Next Door, who now appears in her own namesake series, was dismissed Tuesday from “Dancing With the Stars.”

Wilkinson earned praise from the judges on Monday’s episode for a tango that one judge called “nothing but sophistication, elegance, and confidence,” but viewers failed to keep the former Playboy model in the contest.

Judges’ scores are combined with viewer votes to determine which celebrity is ousted each week.

Wilkinson joins previously dismissed celebrity contestants Chris Jericho, Sugar Ray Leonard, Wendy Williams, Mike Catherwood and Petra Nemcova.

Returning to dance next week will be Kirstie Alley, Ralph Macchio, Chelsea Kane, Hines Ward and Romeo.



In this publicity image released by ABC, Kendra Wilkinson, right, and her partner Louis Van Amstel perform on the celebrity dance competition series “Dancing with the Stars,” on Monday, May 2, 2011 in Los Angeles.

Judge clears ‘Housewives’ firing lawsuit for trial

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A jury should decide whether Nicole Sheridan’s character was unfairly written out of the hit show “Desperate Housewives,” a judge ruled Tuesday.

With the actress looking on, Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Elizabeth Allen White tossed a couple of Sheridan’s claims but said there was enough of a dispute about what led to her ouster for the case to go to trial next month.

Sheridan sued the show’s network ABC and “Housewives” creator and executive producer Marc Cherry in April 2010, claiming he struck her during a fight in September 2008 and subjected her to sexual and other harassment.

Adam Levin, an attorney for the network and Cherry, argued

Tuesday that the decision to kill off Sheridan’s character, Edie Britt, was made months before her argument with the show executive. He said the decision was made by Cherry and a small

group in May 2008 and kept from others on the show to avoid ruining the surprise.

Sheridan’s attorney, Mark Baute, disagreed and said the network’s justification that it was a cost-cutting move didn’t make sense since Sheridan’s character was killed off in a car accident in the middle of the season and she was still owed hundreds of thousands of dollars on her contract.

After listening to several minutes of arguments about disputed facts in the case, White said, “It’s clear to the court that this is something

that needs to go to a jury.”

Her ruling threw out sexual harassment and assault claims, but Sheridan’s attorneys will be able to seek damages on wrongful termination, battery and unlawful retaliation claims and can still seek punitive damages.

“I’m very happy that I’m being treated fairly,” Sheridan said after the hearing.

Levin said many of the Sheridan’s claims have been thrown out since the actress filed her lawsuit last year, seeking \$20 million.

“We’re confident that a jury looking at all of the evidence and the numerous witnesses will conclude the character Edie Britt was killed off of ‘Desperate Housewives’ for lawful reasons and Ms. Sheridan was never battered,” Levin said after the hearing.

The trial is scheduled to begin June 8.

Apple upgrades iMacs with quad-core processors

NEW YORK (AP)—Apple Inc. on Tuesday released an upgraded line of iMac desktop computers with faster processors, higher-resolution cameras and a new type of data port.

The new iMacs all have Intel quad-core processors, which had been available as an upgrade to the standard dual-core processors of the previ-

ous generation. Apple said the new models are up to 70 percent faster.

The new 21.5-inch (54.61-centimeter) iMac has a single Thunderbolt port, which can carry data at speeds 20 times faster than most current USB ports. It can also connect to additional monitors. The 27-inch (68.58-centi-

meter) iMac has two Thunderbolt ports.

Apple introduced Thunderbolt on MacBook Pro laptops in February. The port was developed by Intel Corp.

The 21.5-inch (54.61-centimeter) iMac starts at \$1,199, the larger model at \$1,699.

Apple last revamped its iMacs in July 2010.

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Fast Five

Friday & Saturday 1:15 4:15 7:15 10:00
 Sunday 1:15 4:15 7:15
 Mon thru Thurs 4:15 7:15

Vin Diesel, Paul Walker
 Action • Rated PG 13

Synopsis

Director Justin Lin (The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift, Fast & Furious) returns to the helm for this adrenaline-charged sequel reuniting series stars Vin Diesel and Paul Walker for their biggest thrill ride yet. With the police in hot pursuit and wanted fugitive Dom (Diesel) in tow, Brian (Walker) and Mia (Jordana Brewster) make their way to Rio, and realize they've run out of luck. In order to earn their freedom, they'll have to pull off their biggest job yet.



Prom

Friday & Saturday 1:00 4:00 7:00 9:30
 Sunday 1:00 4:00 7:00
 Mon thru Thurs 4:00 7:00

Aimee Teegarden, Thomas McDonell
 Comedy drama • Rated PG

Synopsis

A group of teenagers find their lives intersecting and their futures taking shape as they prepare for the most pivotal event of their high school careers. At first Nova Prescott (Aimee Teegarden) is infuriated at a classmate (Thomas McDonell) who nearly destroys her plans for prom. But the closer the big day gets, the more she realizes that he may be the perfect date.



Madea's Big Happy Family

Friday & Saturday 1:10 4:10 7:10 9:50
 Sunday 1:10 4:10 7:10
 Mon thru Thurs 4:10 7:10

Tyler Perry, Loretta Devine
 Comedy drama • Rated PG 13

Synopsis

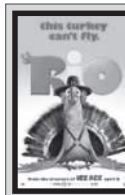
When her five grown-up children fail to answer her call for a family gathering, exasperated mother Shirley calls on outspoken force of nature Madea to see that everyone comes together to discuss some rather important issues in this filmed stage play written and directed by Tyler Perry. With everyone finally assembled thanks to Madea's tenacity, Shirley addresses some important family secrets, reveals that she's in the midst of a financial crisis, and engages her sons and daughters in a serious talk about drugs.



Beastly

Friday & Saturday 1:30 4:30 7:30 9:55
 Sunday 1:30 4:30 7:30
 Mon thru Thurs 4:30 7:30

Alex Pettyfer, Vanessa Hudgens
 Fantasy • Rated PG 13



Rio

Friday & Saturday 1:20 4:20 7:20 9:35
 Sunday 1:20 4:20 7:20
 Mon thru Thurs 4:20 7:20

Anne Hathaway, will.i.am
 Children's/Family • Rated G



Scream 4

Friday & Saturday 1:25 4:25 7:25 9:40
 Sunday 1:25 4:25 7:25
 Mon thru Thurs 4:25 7:25

Neve Campbell, David Arquette
 Horror • Rated R



Hanna

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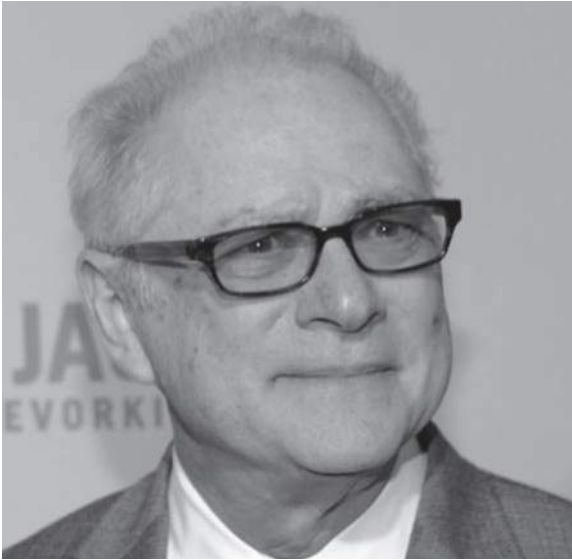
Saoirse Ronan, Cate Blanchett
 Thriller • Rated PG 13

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'Rain Man' filmmaker Levinson takes on Gotti story



AP
In this April 14, 2010 file photo, director Barry Levinson attends the premiere of "You Don't Know Jack: The Life and Deaths of Jack Kevorkian" at the Ziegfeld Theatre in New York.

LOS ANGELES (AP)—"Rain Man" director Barry Levinson has signed on to tell a big-screen story about the John Gotti crime family.

Academy Award winner Levinson is directing "Gotti: Three Generations," which stars John Travolta as John Gotti Sr. and co-stars Lindsay Lohan and Joe Pesci. Production starts this fall in New York, with the film expected in theaters late in 2012.

In an announcement Tuesday, Levinson said he was attracted to the project because it provides an insider's view. The film is told from the perspective of John Gotti Jr., whose life story was acquired by Fiore Films, which is producing the movie. Gotti Sr. died in prison in 2002.

"Rain Man" earned four Oscars in 1988, including best picture and director. Levinson's other credits include "Diner," "Bugsy" and "Good Morning, Vietnam."

Cleveland thieves return stolen Superman sign

CLEVELAND (AP)—Thieves have returned a historical marker that stood near the Cleveland house where two high school classmates created the Superman character in 1933.

The executive director of the Glenville neighborhood's development corporation, Tracey Kirksey, tells The Plain Dealer newspaper the undamaged marker was left outside a fire station and found by police Monday morning.

The marker honors Superman creators Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster. A saw was used to remove the aluminum plaque from atop a pole last month.

Kirksey suspects thieves thought it was bronze and planned to sell it as scrap metal. She says it'll be stored until it can be remounted.

The city installed the plaque eight years ago, on the 65th anniversary of the 1938 release of "Action Comics" No. 1, in which Superman made his debut.



AP
Tracey Kirksey, executive director of the Glenville Development Corporation, is overjoyed Tuesday, May 3, 2011, as the historical marker honoring the creators of Superman is returned, in Glenville, Ohio.

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Scott Pelley taking over for Couric as CBS anchor

NEW YORK (AP) — CBS says Scott Pelley will take over as its evening news anchor, starting on June 6. The network on Tuesday announced the expected selection of Pelley, the veteran "60 Minutes" reporter, to replace Katie Couric on the "CBS Evening News." Couric is pursuing a syndicated talk show, but hasn't said where she will be working next. The date for her final CBS broadcast has not been set. Pelley is a Texas native who has worked at CBS for two decades. He will inherit a broadcast that is in last place in the ratings behind NBC and ABC, and has been for some time. CBS said Pelley will continue to do stories for "60 Minutes."

Lawyer: Web poker indictments not anti-gambling

LAS VEGAS (AP) — A defense lawyer known for handling complex financial and corporate crimes cases is telling a gambling industry group that indictments targeting executives at three top poker companies aren't attacks against gambling itself. Fred Heather of K&L Gates LLP said Tuesday at the iGaming North America conference in Las Vegas that the case against 11 people associated with PokerStars, Full Tilt Poker and Absolute Poker hinges on bank fraud and money

laundering. Heather says prosecutors have shown they're not going after online gambling itself by allowing sites to return players' money. Heather says eight executives under indictment but living in other countries will likely resist extradition to the U.S. because of severe penalties they face. The indictments unsealed last month charge company executives with defrauding banks into processing illegal gambling transactions.

Health clinic that caters to porn stars has closed

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A health clinic that catered to porn stars in the San Fernando Valley has closed in the wake of two years of controversy. Porn industry trade association spokeswoman Diane Duke says the Adult Industry Medical Health Care Foundation is now shuttered. Her group is brainstorming solutions to continue providing STD screenings and care for performers. The clinic faced criticism from state and local health officials for failing to cooperate with an investigation into a porn actor's HIV diagnosis there last year. The clinic's license was also deemed inadequate by the state. Last month, the clinic was accused of medical privacy violations after patient information appeared on a website. Calls to the clinic went unanswered and a call to the clinic's lawyer was not immediately returned.

Book deal reached for account of bin Laden killing

NEW YORK (AP)—A leading biographer of Osama bin Laden and al-Qaida has a deal for a book on the killing of the terrorist leader.

Peter Bergen has an agreement with Crown Publishers for "an immersive, definitive account" tentatively called *The Manhunt*. Crown announced the book Tuesday. No publication date has been set.

Bergen is a national security analyst for CNN. His previous books include *Holy War, Inc.*, *The Osama bin Laden I Know* and *The Longest War*.

Simon & Schuster's Free Press announced Monday that it was planning an e-book "as fast as possible" based on material from *The Longest War*.

Comedian Andy Dick arrested at US restaurant



TEMECULA, California (AP)—Comedian Andy Dick has been arrested in Southern California for being drunk and disorderly in a restaurant.

The Riverside County Sheriff's Department says the 45-year-old comic actor was arrested Monday night at Marie Callender's after reports that he was causing a disturbance in the bar.

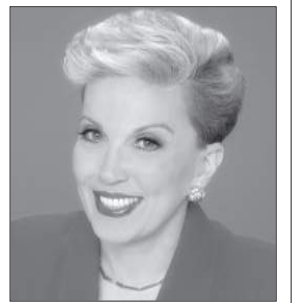
A sheriff's statement says Dick appeared to be drunk and was unable to care for his own safety. He was booked for public intoxication and released.

Messages left Tuesday for his attorney weren't immediately returned.

Dick has a history of arrests. In 2008, he pleaded guilty and received probation after being found drunk outside a Riverside County restaurant. Last year, he was charged with sexual abuse after allegations that he groped a bouncer and a patron at a West Virginia bar.

Husband's lack of trust may mean he wants more control

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE



Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: I am a marriage counselor writing in response to the March 22 letter from the man who objected to his wife having dinner with a mutual (male) friend while the writer was on a business trip. I found his signature, "Feeling Cheated On in Illinois," excessive, perhaps even a signal he has an "ownership" attitude toward his spouse, which is associated with controlling behavior. In the absence of any reason to distrust her, why is he so upset?

My husband of 20 years was going to Japan for a week to visit our foster daughter. I was unable to go, so one of my female friends went with him instead. My husband is attractive, and no doubt has had many opportunities to cheat. I realize many spouses are unfaithful, but you don't keep them faithful by keeping them on a short leash. All that does is make a potential cheater sneakier.

Because spouses who cheat sometimes claim their lovers-in-waiting are "just friends" doesn't mean men and women can't be "just friends." "Illinois" is insecure at best, controlling at worst. I think he should have a one-time appointment with a therapist and discuss his expectations of his wife.

BARBARA IN MAINE

DEAR BARBARA: I heard from readers who have first-hand experience in this subject. And many of them agreed with you. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I'm an at-home wife of a husband who travels frequently. He has logged more than 3 million frequent flyer miles in the last 20 years. I'll bet the "Illinois" man dines out often with female colleagues. It's a fact of business life these days. And I'll bet a lot of the women are married, too. So, really, what's the difference?

He needs to look inward at his own actions and ability to trust. While travel may be part of his job, why must his wife be denied adult companionship when he's away? A man and woman eating out together doesn't automatically equal "date." I do it often when my husband travels. I pay my own way and meet my friend(s) at the restaurant. It's a "get-together" and the only way I can stay sane.

BEEN THERE AND WILL CONTINUE

DEAR ABBY: I'm a married woman with single and married male friends. I go out for lunches and dinners with all of them. Some live out of state and we email often. I also have outings with female pals, some of whom are lesbians. "Illinois" needs to figure out why he doesn't trust his wife and his good friend. My husband socializes without me as well. He even goes to lunch sometimes with an old girlfriend. Either you trust your partner or you don't.

SECURE AND HAPPY IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR ABBY: I travel often and enjoy dinners with lots of people, both male and female. I've dined with my neighbor's husband while we were stranded at an airport trying to get home. Should we have sat at different tables? Implying that this behavior is "questionable" is outrageous. My husband is sometimes invited to dinner by neighbors when I'm away and I thank them for their kindness.

JULIA IN GAINESVILLE, FLA.

DEAR ABBY: Something similar happened to me. It started with the remark that there's nothing wrong with a married woman having a man as her best friend. Three years later she filed for divorce, saying she didn't love me anymore. They worked together in the same office, started going out to lunch, then having after-work drinks and golf dates on the weekends I worked overtime. I understand what "Illinois" is going through. I hope his situation works out better than mine did. -- LARRY IN OHIO

DEAR ABBY: I hurt for the wife who is stuck at home "several nights a week." Why couldn't her husband just say, "Good for you, you have company!"? Married people can be friends with other married members of the opposite sex. If "Illinois" can't handle that reality, then he should find a job that lets him be home with his wife every night.

CATHY FROM CLEVELAND

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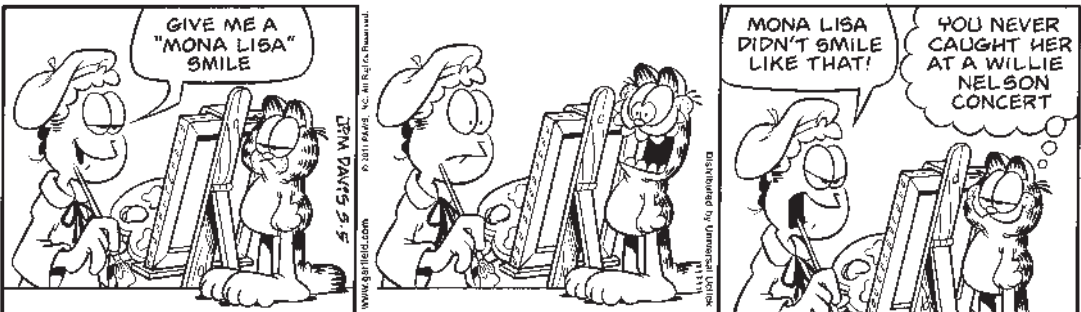
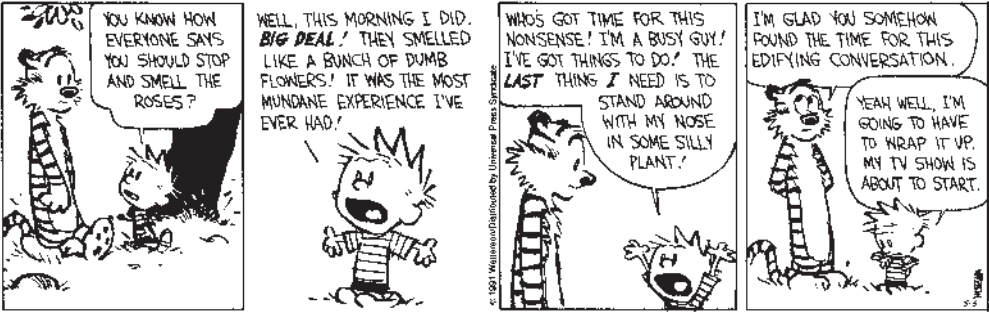
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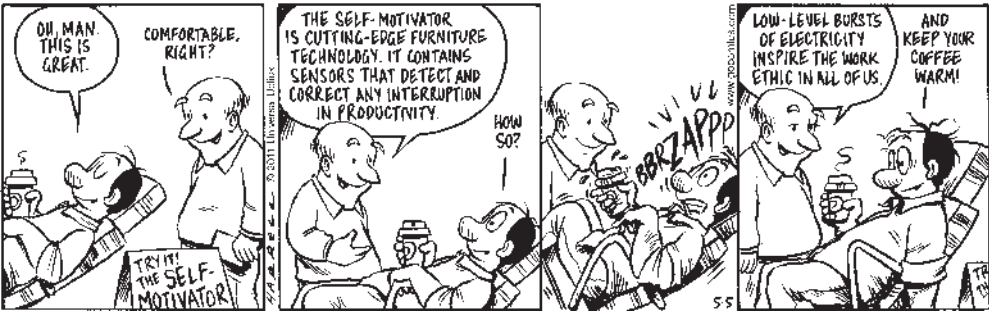


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Happy Birthday: It's all about making wise choices. Take a wait and see approach if you feel the least bit uncertain. A tendency to take on too much will be your downfall. This is not the time to let things unfold naturally. Schedules will be of utmost importance, along with strategy and professionalism. Your numbers are 8, 14, 17, 21, 36, 39, 47

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You will have to work hard and do your best to bypass someone who is giving you a hard time. In the end, the rewards will be worth your time and effort. Welcome change and new beginnings with open arms. ****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Take care of pending problems concerning institutions, government agencies or large corporations. Go directly to the source and make career changes if necessary. You will be able to get the help you need from colleagues with whom you have worked in the past. ***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Your emotions are running wild. Making a decision is almost impossible. You are torn in many directions and need to take three steps back so you can assess your situation objectively. Do whatever research is required. ***

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Avoid taking on responsibilities that don't belong to you. Don't make donations or in any way jeopardize your financial position to help

someone else. With imagination, you will come up with solutions that aren't costly. ***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Status, position and recognition can all be yours if you follow through with your promises. You can dazzle and mesmerize the people you want to impress, making it easy for you to move into a leadership position. Make sure your motives are ethical. ****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Impulse will be the enemy, especially regarding spending or financial matters. Uncertainty about a contract or deal you've been working on should be a warning not to do anything until you have a firm commitment in hand. **

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Stick to your objectives and complete what's required of you. Make positive changes that will enhance your relationship with someone who can make a difference to your life personally and financially. Love is highlighted. *****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Money-making deals are apparent but you will have to move quickly. A change in the way you do things will lead to new connections. Unusual activities at home will spark greater enthusiasm and new possibilities for personal growth. ***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Personal opportunities will develop that allow you to expand your interests, your friendships and your business relationships. Networking will be the key to getting ahead. Welcoming any challenges that come your way. ***

SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★★ 5/15

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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Difficulty Level ★★★ 5/5

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Trying to accomplish will be difficult as the obstacles mount and the frustration builds. Forget about work and take a mental health day. A little time off will help you get a fresh look at an old situation. ***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Open your doors to friends, colleagues and relatives. Sharing what you have with others will enhance your reputation and ensure you get the help needed. Welcome change and challenges that allow you to show how versatile you are. *****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't expect anyone to understand what you're going through or how you feel. You need a timeout to reassess your life and your plans for the future. Don't let someone dictate what you should or shouldn't do. **

Birthday Baby: You've got grace and charm and can talk circles around others. You are clever, diplomatic and strong-willed.

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WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

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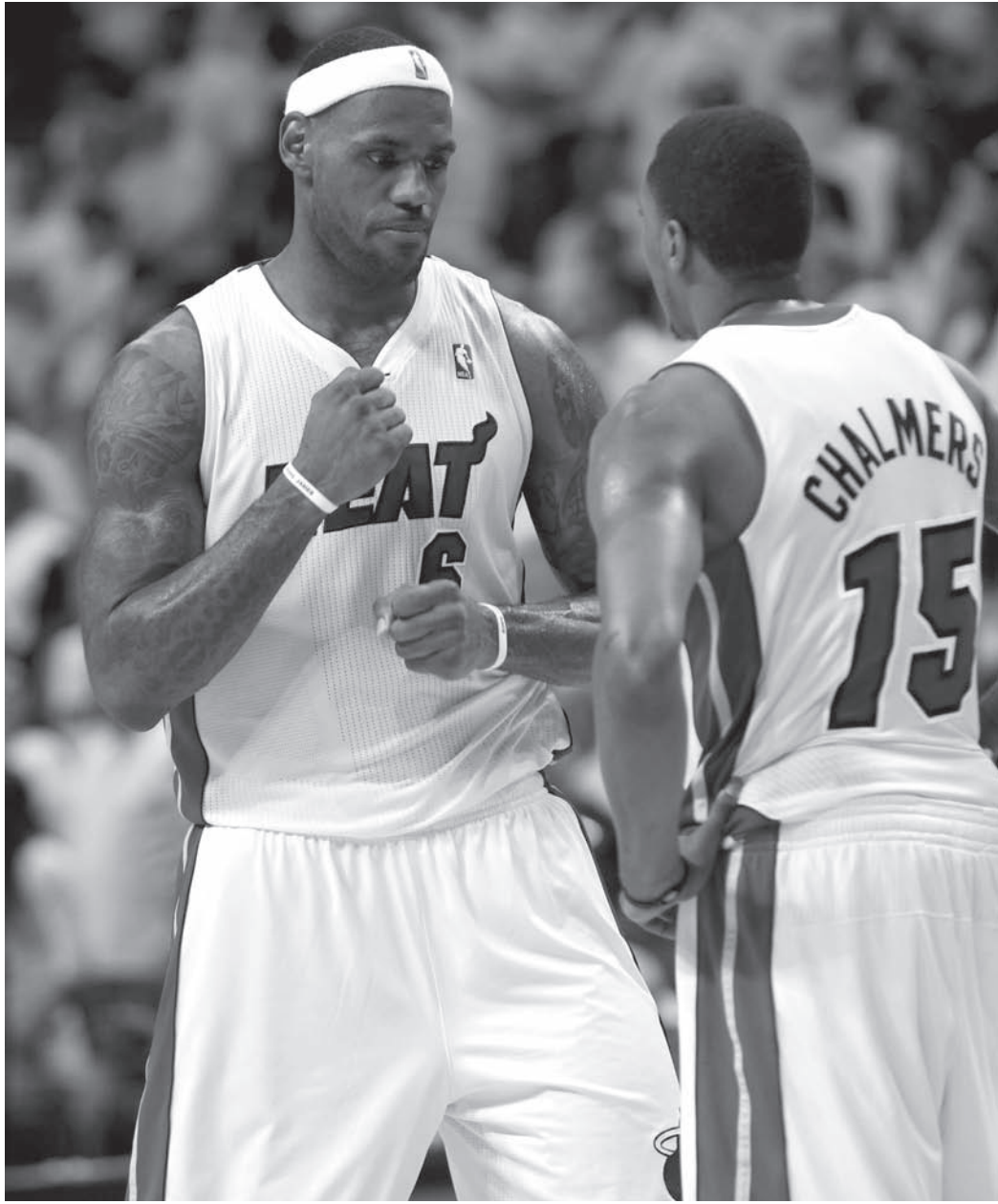
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A late 14-0 run lifts Heat past Celtics, 102-91



AP
Miami Heat's LeBron James, left, walks over and punches Mario Chalmers (15) in the chest during the final minute of the second half of Game 2 of a second-round NBA playoff basketball series against the Boston Celtics, Tuesday, May 3, 2011 in Miami.



MIAMI (AP)—With the outcome decided in the final seconds, LeBron James walked toward Mario Chalmers to begin his version of a celebration.

He playfully punched his teammate twice in the chest.

Fitting, because James and the Miami Heat have now landed two blows against the Boston Celtics.

James scored 24 of his 35 points in the second half, Dwyane Wade added 28 and the Heat used a late 14-0 run to pull away and beat the aching Celtics 102-91 in Game 2 of their Eastern Conference semifinal series on Tuesday night.

"Feel good about it," James said. "Series is far—far, far, far—away from over. It's really just beginning for us."

James shot 14 of 25 from the field, and logged 44 minutes with no turnovers. Chris Bosh finished with 17 points and 11 rebounds for Miami, which leads the best-of-seven 2-0.

Game 3 in Boston isn't until Saturday night, and the Celtics may be particularly thankful for the break.

Rajon Rondo played through a balky back to score 20 points and add 12 assists for Boston, which got 16 points from Kevin Garnett and 13 from Paul Pierce—who retreated to the locker room for treatment on his strained left Achilles' in the first half. Ray Allen was held to seven points, and left with what he said was a bruised chest cavity courtesy of an elbow from James in the third quarter.

"Being down 2-0 doesn't scare any of us, doesn't make us nervous," Allen said. "It's just an opportunity to come out shining."

Boston tied the game at 80 on a pair of free throws by Pierce with 7:10 left. The Celtics missed their next six shots and Miami pulled away, taking command of both the game and the series.

"That's our staple. We know the only way for us to win games, especially in the playoffs, is to play defense," James said. "Everyone has each

other's back. If one guy gets beat, another steps up. They made a run, a heck of a run ... but we just kept grinding, kept playing our principles, and we finally wore them down."

Jeff Green scored 11 and Delonte West added 10 for the Celtics.

Even for a franchise with such fabled history as the Celtics, an 0-2 deficit represents a colossal challenge.

This is now the ninth time Boston has dropped the first two games in a best-of-seven series. In the previous eight, the Celtics prevailed only against the Los Angeles Lakers in the 1969 NBA finals.

And it's something this group of Celtics has never faced before, either.

The last time Boston lost the first two games of a playoff matchup was in 2004, when it was swept by Indiana. The current core of Celtics had lost Game 1s four other times before this series, then bounced back to win Game 2 each time, against Chicago and Orlando in 2009, then Cleveland and the Lakers in 2010.

Not this time.

"Nothing we can do about it," Celtics coach Doc Rivers said. "We've got a third game and we've got to take care of that. Whatever the past is, it is. They've won two games at home. But we can't allow them to play like this, or it's going to be tough at our place."

To win this series, Boston will need to prevail four times in a five-game span—which it did in the first round against Miami last year, then again in the second round at the expense of James and the Cavaliers in the East semis. So it can be done, but neither James (7-0) nor Wade (5-0) has ever been part of a playoff series defeat after their clubs won the first two games.

"This is a great team we are going against right now," James said. "We're just trying to give ourselves a good chance to win, just try to keep on attacking them, playing as hard as we can defensively, just trying to wear them down throughout

the game, but it's a great team."

That's one of the titles the Heat are trying to claim, too.

James won the MVP award in 2009 and 2010, his reign officially ending a couple hours before Tuesday's game when the NBA made the long-expected announcement that Chicago's Derrick Rose was this season's top player.

James' name did not appear on nine of the 121 ballots cast. Wade was entirely left off all but 10 of the ballots; voters were asked to rank the league's best five players.

They noticed.

"At the end of the day, we don't really play this game for individual awards," Wade said. "He has two MVP trophies, which is awesome. I have a finals MVP trophy. Our body of work speaks for itself. What we've done in this game speaks for itself."

The Celtics had more than a chance to avoid the 0-2 hole.

James scored 12 points in the third quarter, one more than he managed in the first half, to help Miami take a 72-67 cushion into the final 12 minutes. James then added the first basket of the fourth, but Boston answered with a 13-6 run over the next 4 minutes to knot the game at 80.

The outcome was undecided—momentarily.

Thunder 111, Grizzlies 102

In Oklahoma City, Kevin Durant's supporting cast came alive to keep the Oklahoma City Thunder out of a perilous 0-2 hole in the Western Conference semifinals.

Durant scored 26 points, James Harden led an outburst by Oklahoma City's bench with 21, and the Thunder evened their series with Memphis by beating the Grizzlies in Game 2 on Tuesday night.

After scoring just 16 points in a Game 1 loss, the Thunder's bench tripled that amount and put Oklahoma City firmly in control with an 18-6 run to start the fourth quarter.

"It was a classic desperate team, more aggressive team," Memphis coach Lionel Hollins said. "I say the desperate team usually wins, and they were the desperate team in their play, which was a sense of urgency and aggressiveness."

"They came out and attacked."

Russell Westbrook scored 24 and his backup, Eric Maynor, added 15 for the Thunder. Oklahoma City's bench held a 48-29 scoring edge.

"That's what they've done all year, and that's why we are in this position, because they've done either a good job of catching up or extending leads," Thunder coach Scott Brooks said. "I thought they were outstanding tonight."

Mike Conley scored 24 for Memphis, which cut a 21-point, fourth-quarter deficit to six in the final minute.

Zach Randolph and Marc Gasol combined to make just five of 22 shots for 28 points—just over half their total from the opener. The interior tandem helped Memphis dominate the paint for 52 points in Game 1, but the Thunder outscored the Grizzlies 38-34 this time by deploying frequent double-teams.

The Thunder finally shook free from Memphis with the bench's big run, featuring three 3-pointers by Maynor and seven points from Harden.

Harden hit three free throws—including one after Darrell Arthur was called for a technical for bumping him in retaliation—then turned a steal into a fast-break layup. Maynor's third 3 gave Oklahoma City its first 20-point lead at 94-74 with 7:27 remaining, and Daequan Cook followed about a minute later with another 3 to bump the lead to 21.

The Thunder made their first four 3-pointers to start the fourth.

When Maynor and Cook finally were pulled in favor of Durant and Westbrook with just under 5 minutes left, the pair got a standing ovation.

"I expect James Harden especially and Eric Maynor to have at least one big game in the series," Grizzlies forward Sam Young said. "They are great players and they are in this position for a reason."

"We expect big things out of them and that's why we have to prepare a little better and come out next game with more intensity."

Game 3 is Saturday night in Memphis.

It's official: Bulls' Derrick Rose is NBA MVP

LINCOLNSHIRE, ILL. (AP)—Right from the start, Derrick Rose wondered why he couldn't be the MVP. It turns out, nothing could stop him.

Rose officially became the NBA's youngest MVP on Tuesday and joined Michael Jordan as the only Bulls player to win the award, which was no surprise given his spectacular season and Chicago's leap to a league-leading 62 wins.

He has a ways to go before he catches Jordan, who won five MVPs and led the way to two championship three-peats, but he sure is off to a good start.

"I'm not even touching that man right there," Rose said. "I'm far away from him. If anything, it would be great to be close to him. This is a different team, a different era."

In his third year, the dynamic point guard led the Bulls to their best season since the championship era.

The 22-year-old Rose got 1,182 points and 113 first-place votes from a panel of media voters, supplanting Wes Unseld as the youngest to win the award with a runaway win. Orlando's Dwight Howard (643 points) finished second, Miami's LeBron James was third, the Lakers' Kobe Bryant was fourth and Oklahoma City star Kevin Durant finished fifth.

A product of Chicago's South Side, Rose established himself as one of the top players in the league after going from Rookie of the Year to All-Star in his first two seasons. He took another step this year with one of the best all-around performances by a point guard.

He averaged 25 points and 7.7 assists while leading Chicago into contention for its first championship since the Jordan-Scottie Pippen era. For all the groaning over the Bulls missing out on James, Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh in free agency, they did quite well for themselves anyway.

Rose showed up to training camp openly wondering why he couldn't be MVP. Then, he backed it up.

"It really just came out," Rose said. "That's the way I thought at the time. I put a lot of hard work into my game, especially during the summer. ... I dedicated my whole summer to basketball. Even though it was tough, I did it."

Rose was a picture of humility during the news conference. He thanked everyone from the fans to his teammates, coaches and management, and he choked up when he mentioned his mom, Brenda Rose, and older brothers seated in the front row.

At one point, he looked at her and paused.

"Just thinking how hard she works," he said. "Those are hard days. My days shouldn't be hard because I love what I'm doing. That's playing basketball. You keep me going every day and I love you."

Rose ranked seventh in scoring and 10th in assists, making him the only player this season in the top 10 in both categories. The only other Bull to do so was Jordan in 1988-89, when he led the league in scoring (32.5 points) and finished 10th in assists, according to information provided to the team by the Elias Sports Bureau.

Throw in a 4.1 rebounding average, and Rose joins another elite group. He's the seventh player in league history to average at least 25 points, 7.5 assists and 4.0 rebounds, along with Jordan, Oscar Robertson, Jerry West, Larry Bird, Wade and James, according to Elias.

Francisco Liriano throws no-hitter for Twins



CHICAGO
(AP)—

Francisco Liriano pitched the major leagues' first no-hitter of the season, throwing his first career complete game in the Minnesota Twins' 1-0 victory over the Chicago White Sox on Tuesday.

Liriano (2-4) walked six and struck out two, throwing 123 pitches in the 95th major league start for the 27-year-old left-hander.

He survived a rocky ninth inning that began when Brent Morel grounded to shortstop and Matt Tolbert made a one-hop throw that first baseman Justin Morneau scooped. Juan Pierre walked and Alexei Ramirez popped to shortstop.

Liriano, the reigning AL comeback player of the year, was backed by Jason Kubel's fourth-inning homer. He threw just 66 pitches for strikes but kept Chicago off-balance in a game that took just 2 hours, 9 minutes.

Tigers 4, Yankees 2

At Detroit, Scott Sizemore had three hits in his return to the major leagues, helping Detroit snap a seven-game losing streak.

Sizemore was called up from Triple-A Toledo to try to bolster the top of Detroit's struggling lineup. Leadoff man Austin Jackson hit a double and a triple, and Sizemore hit a double and two singles batting behind him.

Brad Penny (2-3) pitched six strong innings without allowing an earned run for the Tigers. Jose Valverde finished for his sixth save.

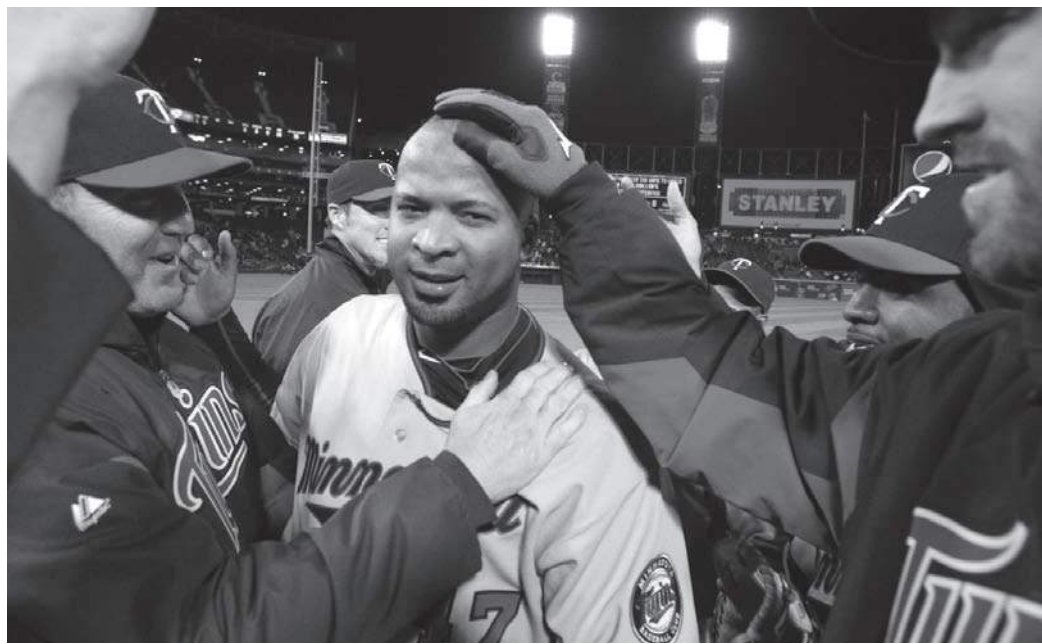
CC Sabathia (2-2) went seven innings, allowing four runs and 10 hits. He struck out six and walked three.

Penny allowed six hits, walked two and struck out one.

Rays 3, Blue Jays 2

At St. Petersburg, Florida, B.J. Upton hit a two-run homer in the ninth inning, giving Tampa Bay the victory.

After Ben Zobrist singled to start the ninth off Jon Rauch (1-2), Upton hit an 0-1 pitch into the left field seats.



Minnesota Twins starting pitcher Francisco Liriano, center, celebrates his no-hitter with teammates after their 1-0 win over Chicago White Sox in a baseball game Tuesday, May 3, 2011 in Chicago. AP

Kyle Farnsworth (2-0) got the final out in the top of the ninth for the win.

Toronto's Jo-Jo Reyes is 0-11 in 24 starts since a loss to the Angels on June 13, 2008, while with Atlanta. He allowed one run and four hits in six innings Tuesday.

The Blue Jays were without slugger Jose Bautista, who didn't play because of neck spasms.

Tampa Bay All-Star third baseman Evan Longoria was activated from the 15-day disabled list after missing 26 games due to a left oblique strain and had a single in four at-bats. He struck out twice.

Red Sox 7, Angels 3

At Boston, Jon Lester struck out 11 batters, and Adrian Gonzalez and David Ortiz hit consecutive homers as Boston pulled within one game of .500.

The Red Sox, who improved to 6-0 against the Angels this season, are 12-6 following a 2-9 start. Boston has won 15 of its last 16 against the Angels.

Lester (4-1) allowed one run, six hits and one walk in seven innings, giving up Mark Trumbo's second-inning homer that put Los Angeles ahead. He struck out 10 or more for the 15th time in his career.

Gonzalez and Ortiz hit Boston's first consecutive homers this season to start the eighth inning. Three batters later, Marco

Scutaro hit a two-run drive over the Green Monster.

Indians 4, Athletics 1

At Oakland, California, Orlando Cabrera hit a tiebreaking RBI single in the ninth in his lone at-bat, and Fausto Carmona won for the third time in four starts as Cleveland claimed its seventh straight game.

Matt LaPorta and Jack Hanahan hit consecutive one-out singles off Brian Fuentes (1-3) in the ninth before Cabrera delivered against his former club. Asdrubal Cabrera followed with a two-run single.

Carmona (3-3), a 13-game winner and first-time All-Star last year, gave up only Kurt Suzuki's RBI groundout in the fourth. He allowed five hits and one run, struck out five and walked one in eight innings.

Mariners 4, Rangers 3

At Seattle, Justin Smoak's RBI single in the eighth inning, his third hit of the game, pulled Seattle even with Texas and Jack Cust followed with the go-ahead RBI single.

Seattle won for the sixth time in seven games.

Down 2-1 entering the seventh, Seattle pulled even off Texas reliever Pedro Strop (0-1) on Ichiro Suzuki's double-play groundout that allowed Ryan

Langerhans to score.

Texas regained the lead in the eighth on Elvis Andrus' squeeze bunt, but Seattle rallied with two in the bottom of the inning to hand the Rangers their third straight loss.

Smoak finished 3 for 4 with two RBIs in his first home game since he left the team late last month following the death of his father.

Giants 7, Mets 6

At New York, Aubrey Huff ended an 0-for-20 slump with a leadoff homer in the 10th inning as the San Francisco Giants snapped out of its offensive slumber, beating the New York Mets.

Nate Schierholtz homered for the Giants, who had lost eight of 11. The defending World Series champions, shut out three times in their previous six games, entered with the second-worst offense in the National League.

Javier Lopez (1-0) and Francisco Rodriguez escaped dicey jams in the ninth before Huff sent a 2-0 pitch from Taylor Buchholz (1-1) off the facing of the right-field overhang for his third home run.

Carlos Beltran hit a three-run homer and Ike Davis a two-run shot for the Mets.

Phillies 4, Nationals 1

At Philadelphia, Cole Hamels

pitched a five-hitter for Philadelphia and Raul Ibanez doubled twice as he stopped 0-35 slump.

Jayson Werth was 0 for 3 with a walk in his first game in Philadelphia since signing a \$126 million, seven-year deal with the Nationals. Werth was mostly booed when he came to the plate in the first, but he turned the jeers into cheers when he took off his helmet and tipped it to the crowd.

Hamels (4-1) struck out six and walked one in his eighth career complete game.

Michael Morse homered for the Nationals. Livan Hernandez (3-3) allowed four runs and 10 hits in 6 1-3 innings.

Astros 10, Reds 4

At Cincinnati, left-hander J.A. Happ singled home a run during Houston's six-run fourth inning—its biggest of the season—as Cincinnati earned its first losing record in nearly a year.

The defending NL Central champs fell to 14-15, the first time they have been below .500 since they had an identical mark last May 7.

The Astros sent 10 batters to the plate in the fourth, knocking Mike Leake (3-1) out of the game. It was the right-hander's first start since he settled his shoplifting case.

Chris Johnson and Brett Wallace had solo homers for the Astros, who evened the season series at two games apiece.

Cardinals 7, Marlins 5

At St. Louis, Daniel Descalso hit his first career home run, a go-ahead three-run shot in the seventh inning, to lead St. Louis past Florida.

Matt Holliday hit a two-run homer in the first and had two hits, dropping his NL-leading average one point to .409.

Albert Pujols was 0 for 5 with his league-leading 10th double play ball and stranded six runners his first three at-bats, dropping his average to .231.

Gaby Sanchez had four singles, matching his career best for hits, one off Fernando Salas (1-0) in the seventh to put Flori-

da ahead 5-4.

Marlins starter Anibal Sanchez had a season-high six walks in 4 1-3 innings.

Padres 6, Pirates 5

At San Diego, Rob Johnson hit a solo homer in the eighth inning and Heath Bell tied Trevor Hoffman's club record with his 41st consecutive save to lead San Diego past Pittsburgh.

Johnson's first home run of the season came off Joe Beimel (0-1) and gave the Padres their fifth home win in 17 games, still the majors' worst home record.

Bell's 41st consecutive save, and seventh in seven chances this year, tied the team record set by Hoffman, the all-time saves leader. It tied Bell with Hoffman and Rod Beck for fourth place on the all-time list.

The home run was Johnson's first since last May 18 when he played for Seattle.

Starting pitcher Mat Latos and Eric Patterson also homered for San Diego.

Diamondbacks 4, Rockies 3

At Phoenix, Justin Upton hit a tiebreaking homer to lead off the eighth inning as Arizona roughed up Jorge De La Rosa for one inning.

Henry Blanco hit his first homer in nearly a year, Xavier Nady drove in two runs and the Diamondbacks knocked De La Rosa around for three runs in the third inning to prevent him from becoming the NL's first five-game winner.

David Hernandez (1-0) worked out of a jam in the eighth inning and Upton hit his sixth homer off Felipe Paulino (0-1) in the bottom half. J.J. Putz closed out the ninth for his seventh straight save.

Carlos Gonzalez homered for Colorado, which has lost three of four.

The Rockies had a chance in the eighth inning with a runner on third and one out, but Todd Helton was thrown out trying to score on a hard grounder to first and Hernandez got Chris Iannetta to pop out with the bases loaded.

Appeals court sets June 3 hearing on lockout fight



MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—A federal appeals court agreed Tuesday to fast track the NFL's request to put its labor lockout in place until a new deal is finally worked out.

The 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in St. Louis set a June 3 hearing, with 30 minutes of oral argument for each side, before Judges Duane Benton, Kermit Bye and Steven Colloton.

U.S. District Judge Susan Richard Nelson issued her injunction stopping the lockout on April 25 and denied the NFL's appeal two days later. The league appealed to the 8th Circuit, and the same three-judge panel issued a temporary stay of Nelson's order on Friday.

The lockout was put back in place by the owners a few hours later. The 8th Circuit is still deciding whether to make the stay more permanent, until the appeals process can play out.

Under the appeals schedule set up Tuesday, the

league's opening brief is due May 9 and the players must file their response brief by May 20. The NFL's reply to the response is due May 26.

The appeals court's approval of an expedited stay gave the NFL at least some relief from the stern rebuke Nelson delivered.

In denying the NFL's request for a stay, Nelson wrote last week that the league "offered little, if any, evidence to directly rebut" evidence from the players they're being irreparably damaged by the lockout, the key requirement for a decision to lift it.

Nelson also wrote that, without a motion for an expedited appeal, the NFL's argument assuming the 8th Circuit will rule before the 2011 begins "seems unlikely."

Now the league has just that, theoretically allowing more time this summer after the appeals process is completed for talks to resume on a new collective bargaining agreement.

Court-ordered mediation between the two sides

is set to resume before U.S. Magistrate Judge Arthur Boylan on May 16, after four days of talks last month and 16 days of federally mediated negotiations earlier this year. Little progress has been reported.

The old CBA expired on March 11, when the players broke up their union to file a federal anti-trust lawsuit and the league called the lockout that lasted 45 days until Nelson's order.

The lawsuit against the NFL is still pending before Nelson, but the legality of the lockout has essentially become the fight for now, with both sides arguing over whether Nelson has jurisdiction in the case and over the notion of irreparable harm. That claim has been prominent in nearly every court filing of the last two bizarre, bitter months as the NFL has stumbled through its first work stoppage since the 1987 strike.

Commissioner Roger Goodell, speaking Monday on a conference call with Atlanta Falcons

season ticket holders, said the NFL "doesn't need this uncertainty and clearly the fans don't need this uncertainty."

"Hopefully, we can get to the core of the issues, sit down and resolve them," Goodell said.

He added: "We shouldn't be where we are right now. We should address these issues far enough in advance and gotten an agreement that makes sense that can address the issues that I think both sides want to get done."

The first preseason game is scheduled for Aug. 8. Goodell said the NFL does not have a "drop-dead date" for reaching an agreement to avoid missing games.

"Whether they're training camps, minicamps, signing of players, all of that needs to get done sooner rather than later," he said.

A day after Goodell spoke to ticket holders, New Orleans quarterback Drew Brees led about 40 players through a workout at Tulane in an effort to stay sharp while the lockout prevents the Saints from training on team property or contacting coaches.

Familia upsets Your Balls, 18-17

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Team Familia rose to the occasion to claim its third win in 11 games with a stone-cold 18-17 upset win over Your Balls in last Friday's Chamolinian Softball Association's 2nd Annual Budweiser Slow-Pitch Softball League men's pairing at the Capital Hill Ballfield.

In other results from Friday, G-Ballers evened its record to 5-4 after a forfeit by Braddahs (1-8), while Check It Out bested T&C Clan, 12-1, in women's play.

Check It Out avoided last place in the women's standings and

notched its second win in nine games, while its back to the drawing board for T&C Clan (1-7).

As of last Sunday, undefeated Natibu (13-0) tops the 15-team men's field ahead of Phat Boyz, Man-Amigos (7-2), V-Power (7-3), Salty's (6-5), G-Ballers, Groupers, Your Balls, Berdax (4-6), Island Apparel-X-clusive (4-6), Red-Eye (4-8), Gorillaz, Familia, Loa Loa Bay (2-8), and Braddahs.

Sakudi, Enamo Meta (6-3), NMC Proas (4-4), Check It Out, and T&C Clan make up the women's rankings.

Familia 18, Your Balls 17

Your Balls broke the ice in the

bottom of the first inning with two runs off a single by Giovanni Ayuyu and a double by Vince Sablan, but Familia fired back in the top of the second and took a 5-2 lead.

Greg Camacho smashed a two-run homer, another run scored off a fielder's choice, and two more came to the plate off a double by Leonard Camacho. Your Balls got a run back in the bottom frame off a base rip by Chuzy Rios.

Familia's Perry Tudela busted a solo shot in the top of the third inning and teammate Greg Camacho put Familia ahead 8-3 in the fourth with another two-run blast.

Familia's J.P. Flores then airmailed a solo homer in the top of the fifth, but Your Balls ral-

lied in the bottom frame and knotted the game at 9-all.

Three runs scored off errors, one from a sacrifice fly by Steve Igisaia, and the rest off a two-run homerun by Mike Taitano.

Familia managed a run in the top half of the sixth, but Your Balls pulled ahead, 12-10, in the bottom frame off an RBI single by Pat George and a two-run shot by Josh Arriola.

Familia laid down the lumber in its final stand with four hits, two doubles, and a three-run bomb by Kolin Reyes; another run scored off a fielder's choice.

Your Balls came back within a run, 17-18, off two-run homers by Vince Cepeda and Oliver Secharmidal, and a solo shot by

Joe Lizama, but Familia held strong in the field and got the win by the skin of its teeth.

Familia's Greg Camacho batted 3-for-3 with two home runs, five RBIs and a base on balls.

Check It Out 12, T&C Clan 1

Check It Out took an early 3-0 lead in the first inning off four hits as Vanessa Mobel and Scarlet Antipas banked RBI singles.

Later in the third inning, Check It Out's Mobel added a run off another RBI base hit, but T&C Clan got it back off a single by Meng Lizama.

Check It Out then jumped in front, 7-1, in the fourth inning off four more hits and an error; Eula Matsumoto and Sandy Guerrero were credited RBI singles.

Check It Out went on to add a run off an error in the fifth and an-

other in the sixth from a home run by Jaime Pangelinan, while T&C Clan only managed three base runners since the third frame.

Check It Out mustered the three runs needed for an early decision in the final inning off a two-RBI triple by Connie Camacho and a base rip by Pangelinan and held on strong out in the field to close the last three outs.

Pangelinan batted 4-for-5 with a home run, three RBIs, and two other runs.

Mountainball action continues tomorrow night on Capital Hill when Phat Boyz (8-1) challenges Calikano-Groupers (5-6) at 6:30pm, followed with a 7:30pm women's game between Sakudi (9-1) and Check It Out. Then the men retake the field as Familia squares off against Gorillaz (3-6) at 8:30pm.

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wrap up the finals early and foil the Cowboys' bid for a deciding Game 2. Aschoscho held a twice-to-beat advantage in the finals after its perfect record in the winners' bracket.

The Cowboys boosted their chances of extending the championship game when Dave Camacho Jr. blasted an over-the-fence homer and moved his team within two, 7-9, with only one out.

Bertha Camacho was next at bat and singled. She later moved

to second off Jonathan Tenorio's base hit. With runners on second and first base, Pauline Camacho stepped up to the plate and hit a short shot with the ball dropping in between third baseman Jerry Ayuyu and shortstop Jesus Iguel. Ayuyu quickly picked up the ball, threw to second, and then second baseman A.J. Laniyo threw to first for the double play that ended the game.

Aschoscho advanced to the finals after clobbering Omais in the winner's bracket semifinals, 16-2. The Cowtown Cowboys notched the second finals berth after emerging victorious in the

loser's bracket. The Cowboys first eliminated Peleliu, 16-5, and then denied Omais an entry to the finals for the second time, following a 13-5 triumph in their do-or-die semis match.

The Cowtown Cowboys then played their third straight game of the night against the well-rested Aschoscho and the former fell short in their bid for an upset.

McGarrett Duenas started things out for Aschoscho, hitting a three-run homer at the top of the first and the eventual champion went up, 4-0.

Navan Falig answered at the

bottom of the first with a two-run homer and the Cowboys fell behind by only one run after one complete inning, 4-3. However, it was only in the first inning that the Cowboys scored more than one run and that hurt their chances of extending the championship duel.

In contrast, Aschoscho added four runs in the third off Laniyo's two-run homer, and error, and Nokki Saralu's solo shot after a shutout in the second for an 8-4 advantage. Aschoscho hung in there despite scoring only one run in the last four innings to win the championship.

Nakamura, a passed ball, a wild pitch, and an error.

The Ol' Aces added a run off another wild pitch in the fifth inning, but the Hunters got it back in the top half of the sixth off a passed ball.

The Ol' Aces managed a run in the bottom frame off an error and held on to squeeze the last three outs.

Winning pitcher Leonard Sablan went the distance and gave up an earned run off three hits and two walks with nine strikeouts.

At the plate, Sablan bagged a triple and scored twice, while Hunters' Anthony Leon Guerrero batted 2-for-4 with a run and a stolen base in the loss.

decision.

Winning pitcher Aguon allowed two unearned runs in five innings off two hits with five strikeouts.

Hunters' Atalig batted 3-for-3 with an RBI, four runs, two stolen bases, and a base on balls; Tudela batted 3-for-3 with four RBIs, a run, and a base on balls.

BIG LEAGUE Ol'Aces 7, Hunters 2

The Hunters struck first in the top of the third off an RBI triple by Joseph Palacios, but the Ol'Aces answered later in the bottom of the fourth and shot ahead, 5-1, off RBI singles by Jesse Yamagishi and Harry

single by Joe Atalig and a double by Robert Tudela and then went ahead, 6-0, in the second off an RBI single by Clayton Aguon, two errors, and a stolen dish by Atalig.

Then after a scoreless third, the Hunters piled on 10 more runs at the top of the fourth off an RBI single by Atalig, an error, a base rip by Tudela, another error, a wild pitch, a single by Thomas Reyes, and another two-RBI base hit by Tudela. The Hunters drew four walks and bagged six hits in the frame.

Heats managed as run off an error in the bottom frame, but the Hunters got it back in the top of the fifth off a wild pitch and held on to secure the early

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third, while teammate Russel Hocog belted a two-RBI base rip in the fifth that put the Kagman pride ahead, 8-0.

Lions hurler Lemarc Iguel kept Ol'Aces at bay to start the sixth as his team mustered the two runs needed for the early decision off wild pitches in the sixth frame.

Iguel pitched six scoreless innings and gave up just three hits with five strikeouts.

Hunters 17, Heats 2

The Hunters took an early 2-0 lead in the opening frame off a

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five age groups U8, U10, U12, U14, and U18) earned slots to the All Schools competition, which will be held this Friday and Saturday at the Oleai Sports Complex.

In the U10 division, the Umangs topped six events. Coby Santos ruled both the 100m and 200m qualifying runs, Ramney Oscar won the softball throw, and Koblerville's relay team posted the best times in the girls and boys 4x100m relay and girls 4x400m relay.

Garapan Elementary School recorded four top performances, while San Antonio Elementary School and Whispering Palms had three first place finishes in

the trials, respectively. Dandan Elementary School topped two qualifying events, while Gregorio T. Camacho and Saipan International School won one trial each.

In the U8 division qualifiers, Koblerville logged seven first place finishes. Nathan Nogis and Maya Ngemaes ruled the 200m race; Johnny Elias and Tyvieann They prevailed in the 800m run; Isabel Evangelista had the best record in the long jump; Matthew Allah had the best mark in the softball throw; and the Umangs were the fastest in the girls and boys 4x100 relay races.

Whispering Palms came in at second with four first place finishes, GTC had three, and San Vicente Elementary School, SIS, and Kagman Elementary School earned one apiece.

Top placers in the U12, U14,

and U18 age groups will be published in *Saipan Tribune's* Friday edition.

Competition in this weekend's All School championship will begin at 5pm with the girls and boys U14 and U18 high jump, and the 800m run in all age group. Then at 6pm, the brief opening ceremony will take place, followed by the 100m race, discus throw, 1,500m race, and the 4x400m relay run. Medal presentations will also be held tomorrow.

In the second and final day of the competition, the first event—3,000m steeplechase—will start at 8:30am. Softball throw for U8 and U10 age groups will be next, followed by the long jump and the 400m race for all age groups, the javelin throw for U12, U14, and U18, the 200m

run for all five age groups, and the shot put for U14 and U18.

The competition will take a one-hour break and will resume action at 1pm with the 4x100m relay race for all age groups. Winning school for each age group will then get recognition and awards during the trophy presentation, beginning at 2pm.

Meanwhile, the organizing Northern Marianas Athletics would like to thank all the participants, coaches, teachers, parents, PSS, McDonald's, the NMA board, volunteers (track and field team), Sylvan Meng Rangamar, Pete Igisomar, Steve Tomokane and crew, Jojo Attao and his staff at the Division of Sports and Recreation for their support during the two-month qualifying tournament.

RGA May Ace qualifier Saturday



The Refaluwasch Golf Association will have its May Ace qualifying tournament this Saturday at the Marianas Country Club in Marpi.

Winner of the weekend tournament will hold the score to beat for the May Ace tournament later this month. If his score is undefeated, he gets to keep the May title.

Check-in time for the Saturday qualifier is at 11am, while tee off is at 12pm.

Meanwhile, RGA is still open for membership at \$25 per year.

The club also reminds its members to support the COP Blue Tee Tournament/Pacific Games Fundraiser on May 14 and 15 at Coral Ocean Point.

The first day of the fundraising tournament will be played on the blue tee, while the second and final round will take place on the longer blue tee. Only the Top 12 finishers after the first round will advance to the second round.

For more information about RGA tournaments, contact Tars Olopai at 483-5508, Tony Rogolifoi at 288-3515, and Jess Wabol at 288-1129. **(Roselyn B. Monroy)**

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seconds in the 50m freestyle," Kimura added.

Besides the three CNMI national marks, Staal also holds 11 age group records. He has five marks in the boys 13 to 14 age group: 50m freestyle (25.68 seconds), 100m freestyle (56.83 sec-

onds), 200m freestyle (2:07.15), 400m freestyle (4:33.99), and 100m breaststroke (1:15.77). In the 15 to 16 age group, he owns the 50m freestyle record (24.75 seconds), the 200m freestyle (2:02.98), 800m freestyle (9:19.36), 50m backstroke (29.75 seconds), 100m backstroke (1:05:41), 50m breaststroke (31.90 seconds), and 50m butterfly (28.04 seconds).



TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

MLB STANDINGS					Central Division				
AMERICAN LEAGUE East Division					St. Louis	17	13	.567	—
New York	W	L	Pct	GB	Cincinnati	14	15	.483	2 1/2
Tampa Bay	17	10	.630	—	Pittsburgh	14	16	.467	3
Boston	16	13	.552	2	Milwaukee	13	15	.464	3
Baltimore	14	15	.483	4	Chicago	13	16	.448	3 1/2
Toronto	13	16	.448	5	Houston	12	17	.414	4 1/2
Central Division					West Division				
Cleveland	20	8	.714	—	Colorado	17	10	.630	—
Kansas City	16	13	.552	4 1/2	Los Angeles	15	16	.484	4
Detroit	13	17	.433	8	San Francisco	14	15	.483	4
Minnesota	10	18	.357	10	Arizona	13	15	.464	4 1/2
Chicago	11	20	.355	10 1/2	San Diego	12	18	.400	6 1/2
West Division					Yesterday's Games				
Los Angeles	16	14	.533	—	Philadelphia 4, Washington 1				
Texas	16	14	.533	—	Houston 10, Cincinnati 4				
Oakland	15	15	.500	1	San Francisco 7, N.Y. Mets 6, 10 innings				
Seattle	14	16	.467	2	Milwaukee at Atlanta, ppd., rain				
NATIONAL LEAGUE					St. Louis 7, Florida 5				
East Division					Arizona 4, Colorado 3				
Philadelphia	19	9	.679	—	San Diego 6, Pittsburgh 5				
Florida	18	10	.643	1	Chicago Cubs 4, L.A. Dodgers 1				
Atlanta	15	15	.500	5	Tampa Bay 3, Toronto 2				
Washington	14	15	.483	5 1/2	Detroit 4, N.Y. Yankees 2				
New York	12	17	.414	7 1/2	Boston 7, L.A. Angels 3				
					Kansas City 6, Baltimore 5, 10 innings				
					Minnesota 1, Chicago White Sox 0				
					Cleveland 4, Oakland 1				
					Seattle 4, Texas 3				

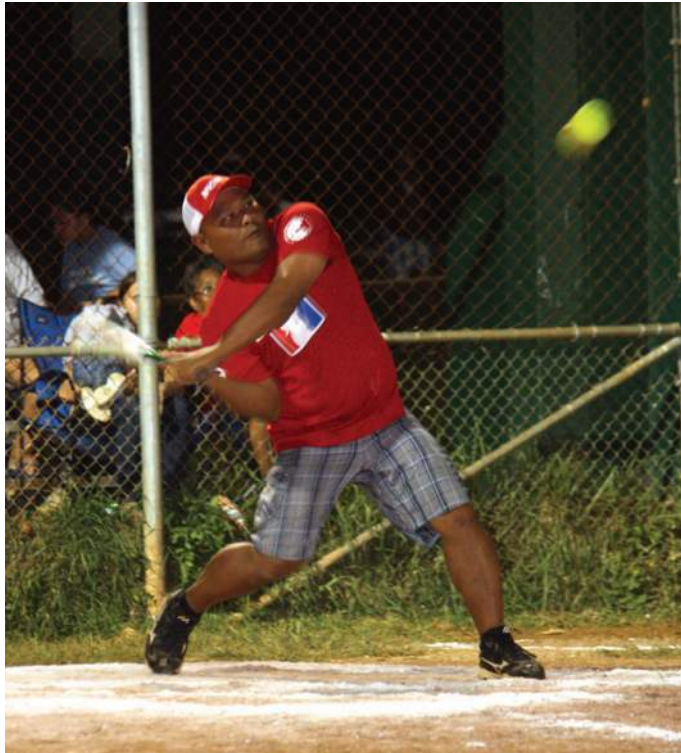
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Aschoscho Association-MMAC Softball Tournament

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Cowtown Cowboys' Jonathan Tenorio tries to tag out Jerome Delos Santos at first base.



Aschoscho's Jerry Ayuyu swings during the bottom of the fifth inning.



Omais' Tyrone Omar picks up a grounder during their preliminary game against Just 4 Fun last Saturday.



Just 4 Fun players watch their batter swings.



Omais' Derrick Aughenbaugh throws from the outfield.



Omais second baseman Luis Ngiraielau throws to first base.



Aschoscho's Noki Saralu waits for the pitch.



Cowtown Cowboys' Dave Camacho Jr. gets ready to bat and went on to hit an over-the-fence homer.



A Just 4 Fun pitcher delivers a pitch at the top of the first inning.



Aschoscho's Jerome Delos Santos get ready to pitch during their championship game against the Cowtown Cowboys in the 2011 Aschoscho Association-Marianas March Against Cancer Softball Tournament last Tuesday at the Capital Hill Ballfield.



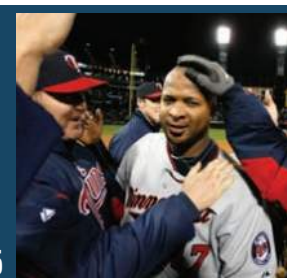
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Aschoscho downs Cowboys in softball finals



Members and supporters of Aschoscho flash the No. 1 sign after ruling the 2011 Aschoscho Association-Marianas March Against Cancer Softball Tournament on Tuesday night at the Capital Hill Ballfield.

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Host Aschoscho went undefeated in the 2011 Aschoscho Association-Marianas March Against Cancer Softball Tournament to claim the championship in the fundraising competition at the Capital Hill Ballfield.

Staal sets two CNMI records



Kai Staal races in the 50m breaststroke race during last month's All Island Invitational 3 at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool.

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Tsunami Swimming Center Saipan's Kai Staal added two entries to the CNMI national record books.

Staal's 29.50 seconds in the 50m backstroke and 27.87 seconds in the 50m butterfly posted during the All Island Invitational 3 at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool in April were considered records by the Northern Marianas Swimming Federation.

Before last month's competition, no records in the 50m backstroke and

50m butterfly are entered in the open division. So during the NMSF meeting, Tsunami Saipan presented Staal's times in the two events and the federation certified the 17-year-old swimmers' records.

"From now on, NMSF agreed that any swimmer who posts the fastest time in any event, including the 50 meter fly and 50 back, will take the national record. NMSF unanimously agreed with the motion put forth that Kai Staal will take the national record in the 50m butterfly fly and 50 backstroke," stated in parts of the minutes of NMSF meeting on April 27.

With this certification, the Saipan International School student now holds three CNMI national records. He owns the Commonwealth's best time in the 50m freestyle at 24.76 seconds.

"I am so glad with NMSF's decision. Kai is the greatest sprinter in CNMI swimming history," Tsunami Saipan coach Hiro Kimura said.

"Unfortunately, he will be unable to update his record in Guam because he has a test on the same day the tournament starts. But after summer, several big meets await him. After the summer break, we will concentrate on his sprint practice. Our dream for him is to cut 23

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Aschoscho clinched the championship after slipping past the Cowtown Cowboys, 9-7, in Game 1 of the finals

Tuesday night.

A big defensive stop at the bottom of the last inning allowed Aschoscho to

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Koblerville Elementary School students dominated the qualifying tournaments for the 2011 PSS/McDonald's All Schools Athletics Championships, notching 13 first place finishes in two age groups.

Only the Top 8 students in each running, throwing, and jumping events in

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Koblerville students lead qualifiers in All Schools meet



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Student-runners compete in the 800m qualifying race for the 2011 PSS/McDonald's All Schools Athletics Championships last month at the Oleai Sports Complex.

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Lions shut out Ol'Aces in Senior League



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Hunters' Joe Atalig batted 3-for-3 with an RBI, four runs, two stolen bases, and a base on balls in his team's Senior League matchup against the Heats at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

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Tan Siu Lin-Rep. Fred DLGuerrero-Rep. Ramon S. Basa Kagman Lions pulled off a 10-0 shutout win over CTS-Ol'Aces in Senior League play in the Saipan Little League held last Monday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

In the other Senior League game Monday, Marianas Printing Hunters routed the Rep. Rafael Demapan

Heats, 17-2, in five innings; while the Docomo Ol'Aces bested the JC Marketing-Tooth Works Hunters, 7-2, in Sunday's Big League matchup.

SENIOR LEAGUE Lions 10, Ol'Aces 0

The Lions hit the board with two runs off errors in the bottom of the first inning and pulled ahead, 5-0, in the second off a couple of more errors and an RBI single by Tim DL Guerrero.

The Lions' Zach Aldan then singled in another run in the bottom of the

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